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U.S. launches major offensive on Fallujah

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Marines of the 1st Division take position Monday on the outskirts of Fallujah.

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States

Sept. 11 compensation: Victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks received \$38.1 billion in compensation, with insurance companies picking up the largest portion of the tab, according to a study released Monday.

The report by Rand Institute for Social Justice found that injured civilians and the families of those who were killed have received an average of \$3.1 million per person from the government, charities and insurance companies.

First responders received an average of \$1.1 million more than civilians with similar economic losses, the study found.

Hinckley freedom: A lawyer for John Hinckley Jr. told a federal judge Monday his client no longer is mentally ill and should be allowed longer unsupervised visits away from the mental hospital where he has lived since trying to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

Attorney Barry Levine accused government of lawyers of fear-mongering by opposing Hinckley's request on grounds he remains a danger to the community.

Business

Enron deliberations: The resumption of jury deliberations on sentencing five men convicted of having roles in pushing through Enron Corp.'s late 1999 sham sale of power barges to Merrill Lynch & Co. were postponed Monday for a day because of a sick juror, court officials said.

The deliberations by the jury of six men and six women were postponed until Tuesday. The jurors wrapped up after 2½ hours Friday without reaching any conclusions.

Microsoft settlements: Clearing more legal challenges, Microsoft Corp. announced important settlements Monday with rival Novell Inc. for \$336 million and with a Washington-based trade organization that had aggressively backed landmark antitrust cases against Microsoft by the U.S. government and European Union.

Novell and the trade group, the Computer and Communications Industry Association, agreed to pull out of the legal case against Microsoft in the European Union, which earlier this year declared Microsoft guilty of abusing its dominant position in the technology industry.

A key ruling on sanctions against Microsoft is expected as early as this month.

But in a surprise move that will extend Microsoft's courtroom headaches, Novell said



Castro's tumble: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, left, and Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Rafael Ramirez, right, paid a visit to Cuba on Sunday to visit with Cuban President Fidel Castro, who is wheelchair-bound after shattering his left kneecap and breaking his right arm in a fall last month.

it intends to file its own antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft in federal court in Utah this week.

World

Iran nuclear power: Iran said Monday a preliminary agreement reached between Iran and the European Union's three big powers may be finalized soon, but hard-liners criticized the deal and called on the government to ignore calls to keep suspending nuclear activities.

The preliminary agreement worked out Sunday in Paris with Britain, France and Germany needs to be approved by all four countries involved in the talks.

Pitcairn Island sex scandal: Pitcairn Island has selected its first female mayor in its 214-year history after the former leader of the remote Pacific community was fired following his conviction on sex charges, British authorities said Monday.

The seven-member governing council on the isolated island, first settled by mutineers from the HMS Bounty, unanimously chose Brenda Christian, the sister of former Mayor Steve Christian, to fill the post until a Dec. 15 election.

Japan earthquake: A strong earthquake rocked northern Japan on Monday near the

area where the country's deadliest quake in a decade struck last month. At least eight people were injured.

The 5.9-magnitude quake, which hit at 11:16 a.m., was centered close to the earth's surface in the Chetsu area of Niigata state, the Meteorological Agency said.

U.N. hostages: Afghan government ministries searching for three kidnapped U.N. workers have yet to receive a list of prisoners that Taliban-linked militants want released in return for the hostages' lives, officials said Monday.

Spokesmen for Jaish-ul-Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, said Sunday that they had handed a list of 26 prisoners, some possibly in U.S. custody at Guantanamo Bay, to government negotiators.

But two government officials told The Associated Press on Monday that they had no word on any contact with the kidnappers and had not received any such list.

Pope gunman: A Turkish court on Monday reduced the prison term for the man who shot Pope John Paul II, enabling him to be released at the end of next year, his lawyer said.

Mehmet Ali Agca was extradited to Turkey in 2000 after serving almost 20 years in Italy for the 1981 shooting of the pope. His motives for that shooting remain unclear.

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Misawa delays licenses for young drivers

Airmen under 26 now must wait at least a day – and hear a safety lecture

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Airman 1st Class Thomas Henley and Airman Basic Raymond Altamirano said they expected to pass their multiple-choice driving tests here Monday, but they'll have to wait at least a day before receiving their U.S. Forces Japan driver's license, a pocket-size, stamped document that allows them to drive legally in Japan.

Henley, 22, and Altamirano, 23, fall into the age group base officials have identified as "pocket-size" drivers: military personnel under age 26.

So they'll receive their licenses from a supervisor in their unit who is to talk to them about driving safely in Japan.

All others drivers still can receive their license immediately from security forces personnel after completing a "local conditions" briefing and passing a test, base officials said.

The new requirement, which affects all Misawa military personnel applying for a driver's license, is part of Brig. Gen. Bill Rew's recent policy on high-risk driver training. Rew is the Misawa installation and 35th Fighter Wing commander.

The policy:

■ Makes it mandatory for all military personnel, family members and Defense Department civilians found responsible for a traffic accident or moving violation to complete and pass a computer-based driving improvement course within seven working days; failure to do so can result in suspension of driving privileges for six months.

■ Singles out military personnel ages 25 and younger for the new licensing requirement because they're more likely to be involved in traffic accidents, said

Lt. Col. Franz Pleschka, the Wing's safety chief.

"We did an analysis on all major and minor accidents we've had" during the past several years, including two fatal wrecks and two that caused serious injuries earlier this year, he said Monday. Base statistics, as well as national and Air Force-wide ones, show "primarily the younger drivers are the ones getting into accidents."

Of Misawa drivers involved in four major off-base accidents, he said, "three of them were 19."

In April, a Japanese citizen died in a car crash involving a 19-year-old sailor assigned to the base. In May, a 19-year-old airman and a local driver collided, killing the local driver. In June, a local woman was seriously injured in an accident involving an other airman; in July, a Japanese woman on a motorcycle collided head-on with the vehicle of a servicemember, who was trying to pass a car. The woman suffered serious injuries, including a broken leg and pelvis.

Reckless driving was found to be the primary cause of these accidents, but age also was a factor, Pleschka said.

"A 19-year-old doesn't cause accidents. A 19-year-old has a tendency to speed more, which causes accidents," he said.

Speeding and inexperienced drivers can be a deadly mix on Japan's roads, where the conditions are much different from those in the States, Pleschka noted. Lanes are narrower, speed limits are lower, more bicyclists and pedestrians use the roads and even stop signs look different, he said.

Involving unit supervisors in their young troops' licensing process will enable them to pass on their experiences and expectations about driving safety, Pleschka said.

Unit commanders have leeway when carrying out the policy,



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Airman 1st Class Thomas Henley, left, and Airman Basic Raymond Altamirano of 35th Maintenance Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan, work on driver's license tests Monday at the base enlisted club. Since both are younger than 26, they must wait to get their licenses to drive in Japan from a unit supervisor as part of a new installation policy designed to stress the importance of safe driving.

they can hand out the license the day after the servicemember passes the test or later, and it's up to them what to say to the servicemember, he said.

"This is not intended to be a stick in the eye for everybody," Pleschka said. "For those who are driving safely, we just ask that they understand where it is that we're coming from. It's their safety that we have in mind also."

Altamirano and Henley, the two young airmen who completed

their driving tests Monday, said they didn't know when they would receive their licenses but it wasn't an inconvenience since they had yet to buy cars.

Altamirano said base officials seem to have good reasons for implementing the policy, but it makes the licensing process "a little more tedious. I'm not sure what it's really going to solve, having us wait longer," he said. "I don't mind it, but I don't understand it." He thought for a mo-

ment and added: "I think it's a good thing that they're taking time out to address the problem."

Airman 1st Class Billy Stafford, 22, and newly assigned to Misawa's 35th Maintenance Squadron, said he didn't mind the new policy but seemed a bit nervous about the prospect of driving in Japan.

"I think I'll just have to get used to driving on the other side of the road," he said.

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About 25 Iwakuni Marines get liberty violations

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station officials hit at least 25 Marines from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron in the pocketbook at a recent public nonjudicial punishment session after finding the Marines violated the base's liberty policy.

The Marines, ranging from private first class to lance corporal, violated Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice the weekend of Oct. 29 by drinking while underage, not having a liberty buddy or being off base during restricted hours, said Master Sgt. Leslie Coakley, a base spokeswoman, late Monday afternoon.

The public NJP session took place Nov. 3

at Building 1, the base headquarters. The more than 25 Marines waived their right to a court-martial and accepted NJP, she added, saying the exact number wasn't available.

Punishment includes 60 days' restriction, reduction in grade and forfeiture of half a month's pay for two months, but suspended for one month, a base news report stated.

None of the Marines was charged with incidents involving Japanese locals. The infractions were limited to underage drinking and liberty violations, Coakley said.

"This public hearing was not used to embarrass the Marines but to show that the squadron is not doing the things they are supposed to be doing," Maj. James Lukehart, H&HS executive officer and acting commanding officer, said after the session, according to the report. "We know there are ways around the rules and policies, but we are trusting you to conduct yourselves like Marines. The rules apply to everyone."

The Marines apologized for "any embarrassment brought to the command, their staff noncommissioned officers and their

fellow Marines," the report added.

After Lukehart spoke, Sgt. Maj. Roland J. Daniel of H&HS excused the Marines, except for the noncommissioned officers of H&HS. According to the report, he asked the young H&HS leaders, "When was the last time you checked on your Marines?"

"The majority of the Marines receiving NJP have not been here longer than three months. That tells me we are not taking care of our own," stated Daniel in the report. "Some of the NCOs don't even know where their own roommates are, let alone their Marines."

He then warned the Marines.

"We are all very tired of it and we are not going to be baby-sitting anymore. The command will throw the book at you," he said in the report. Daniel also told the NCOs to "be smart when you leave the gate and take care of your Marines," the report stated. "It's not hard. But instead, we have too many selfish Marines here and that has to change."

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Rear admiral dies of tumor

BARNSTABLE, Mass. — Rear Adm. Maurice J. Bresnahan Jr., president of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for the past six years, died Saturday of a brain tumor at his home in the Centerville section of this Cape Cod town. He was 68.

Bresnahan was the college's vice president of external affairs and marine operations for four years before becoming president.

While head of the academy at Bourne, Bresnahan presided over an increase in the student population to 900 students and oversaw more than \$60 million in capital improvements, including a new engineering building and new waterfront facilities.

Bresnahan graduated from the academy and received his commission from the Navy in 1959. During his service, he commanded two ships, was special assistant to the chief of naval operations at the Pentagon, was commander of the Seventh Fleet Logistic Task Force Group in Yokohama, Japan, and commanded the Navy's Surface Reserve Forces and the Naval Surface Group Six, made up of anti-submarine warfare frigates.

Bresnahan leaves his wife, Alice, an son and a daughter.

From The Associated Press

Correction

A Page 1 headline in Tuesday's edition incorrectly stated conditions in Iraq. The Iraqi government has declared a 60-day state of emergency.

U.S. forces launch attack on Fallujah

Assault by 10,000 troops aims to put end to guerrilla control in city

BY JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — Thousands of U.S. troops, backed by armor and a stunning air barrage, attacked the toughest strongholds of Sunni insurgents in Fallujah on Monday, launching a long-awaited offensive aimed at putting an end to guerrilla control of the Sunni Muslim city.

After nightfall, U.S. troops advanced slowly on the northeastern Jolan neighborhood, a warren of alleys where Sunni militant fighters have dug in. Artillery, tanks and warplanes pounded the district's northern edge, softening the defenses and attempting to set off any bombs and boobytraps before troops moved in.

At the same time, another force pushed into the northeastern Askari district, the first large-scale assault into the insurgent-held area of the city, the military said.

Orange explosions lit up the palm trees, minarets and dusty rooftops of Jolan, and a fire burned on the city's edge. Some 5,000 U.S. Marines and soldiers were massed in the desert on Fallujah's northern edge participating in the assault. A smaller number of Iraqi troops were also expected to be involved, but there was no immediate word on their actions.

Before the full-frontal attack against the city's northern defenses, the U.S. military reported its first casualties of the offensive: Two Marines killed when their bulldozer flipped over into the Euphrates. A military spokesman estimated that 42 insurgents were killed across Fallujah in bombardment and skirmishes during the day.

Earlier Monday, U.S. and Iraqi forces seized two bridges over the Euphrates River and a hospital on Fallujah's western edge that they said was under insurgent control. A team of Marines entered northwestern Fallujah and seized an apartment building.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Alawi said he gave the green light for international and Iraqi forces to launch the long-awaited offensive against Fallujah, aimed at re-establishing government control before elections set for January. He also announced a round-the-clock curfew in Fallujah and another nearby insurgent stronghold, Ramadi.

"The people of Fallujah have been taken hostage ... and you need to free them from their grip," he told Iraqi soldiers who swarmed around him during a visit to the main U.S. base outside Fallujah just before the attack began.

Marine commanders have warned the new offensive could bring the heaviest urban fighting



U.S. Marines of the 1st Division take position on the outskirts of Fallujah, Iraq, on Monday in preparation for a major assault on the city.

since the Vietnam war. Some 10,000 U.S. Marines, Army soldiers and Iraqi forces are around Fallujah, where commanders estimate around 3,000 insurgents are dug in. More than half the civilian population of some 300,000 people is believed to have fled already.

U.S. commanders have avoided any public estimate on how long it may take to capture Fallujah, where insurgents fought the Marines to a standstill last April in a three-week siege.

As the main assault began in Fallujah, thunderous explosions could be heard across central Baghdad, some 40 miles to the east. Militants bombed an Orthodox Christian church in the capital, killing three people and wounding 34, police said. A U.S. soldier was killed when his patrol was fired on in eastern Baghdad, the military said.

Therelude to the Fallujah offensive was a crushing air and artillery bombardment of the city that built from the night before with U.S. jets dropping bombs constantly and big bombs pounding the city every few minutes with high-explosive shells.

When the ground assault began, U.S. forces who were dug into the desert north of the city

hammered the Jolan district with airstrikes and intense tank fire to soften up defenses, said AP reporter Edward Harris, embedded with the Marines there.

The Marines reported that at least initially they did not draw significant fire from insurgents, only a few rocket-propelled grenades that caused no casualties.

Throughout the day, masked insurgents roamed the streets of Fallujah.

Early Monday, U.S. troops surrounded the area of Fallujah General Hospital, just outside the city on the western bank of the Euphrates River.

Iraqi forces swept into the facility, blasting open doors and handcuffing patients, who were pulled into the halls in a search for gunmen.

At the hospital, four foreigners, including two Moroccans and two unidentified people, were captured, the U.S. military said.

One main goal for taking the hospital first was likely to control information. The facility was the main source of Iraqi death tolls during the first U.S. siege of Fallujah in April.

Associated Press correspondents Tini Tran, Mariam Fam, Katarina Kratavac and Maggie Michael in Baghdad contributed to this report.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday, at least 1,129 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 865 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday.

The British military has reported 73 deaths. Italy has reported 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each. Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 991 U.S. military servicemen have died according to AP's count. That includes at least 756 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ One U.S. soldier was killed Sunday by a convoy attack west of Baghdad.

■ One U.S. soldier was killed Sunday by a car bomb in western Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ No identifications reported.

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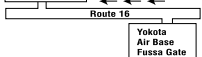
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Allawi: Emergency decree is for rebels

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — As U.S. and Iraqi troops assaulted Fallujah on Monday, Iraq's interim prime minister said his government's state of emergency declaration will impose a round-the-clock curfew in insurgent strongholds and temporary closures of borders and the Baghdad airport.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi strongly objected to media descriptions of the decree announced Sunday as martial law and stressed the steps were being taken only to curb the insurgency and not clamp down on civil liberties.

On Sunday, the government announced a 60-day state of emergency was being imposed throughout the country except in Kurdish-controlled areas of the north. That worried some Iraqis, who are still recovering from decades of Saddam Hussein's dictatorship, but it appeared the crackdown would be applied primarily in Fallujah and nearby Ramadi.

Spelling out details at a news conference, Allawi said round-the-clock curfews was to take effect in Fallujah and Ramadi starting at sundown Monday and that all roads into the two cities would be closed. No residents may carry weapons, and government offices were ordered closed except for emergency services such as hospitals and the fire department.

In addition, Allawi said Iraq



AP

Interim Iraq Prime Minister Ayad Allawi announced Monday that emergency measures would be imposed on the insurgent strongholds of Fallujah and Ramadi.

was temporarily closing its borders with Syria and Jordan, allowing in only trucks carrying food and other "emergency deliveries." Baghdad International Airport would close for 48 hours, he said.

Allawi said he approved the major offensive against Fallujah by U.S. troops and Iraqi forces as the best way to take the city back from insurgents.

"They think Iraq now is now weak, but I warn them from this platform that hours of seriousness have begun," Allawi said of the insurgents. "I will never permit anyone to inflict harm on the Iraqi people, whether they are foreign terrorists or Saddam loyalists."

His news conference came after some Iraqis expressed alarm about the state of emergency.

"The core question here is what if the problems are not over following the coming 60 days," the newspaper Azzaman said in an editorial Monday. "Would Iraq go into a new emergency law then? What are the remaining solutions for the Iraqi government in case security continues to deteriorate?"

Other Iraqis welcomed the decree.

"The security situation requires such a law," Hamed al-Bayati, spokesman of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said. "There was a need for quick action for the stability in Iraq."

U.S. leader warns of car bombings

Casey, Rumsfeld set the stage for Fallujah assault

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Insurgents are planning to use car bombs and improvised explosive devices early in the fight for Fallujah, then retreat into the labyrinthine city center and fight house-to-house, the top U.S. commander in Iraq said Monday.

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who is commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, spoke from Baghdad via telephone to Pentagon reporters just hours after the long-anticipated main assault on the city began.

Casey refused to say precisely how many coalition fighters are involved in the Fallujah operation, but admitted that one reporter's estimate of 15,000 was "in the right ballpark."

Included in the fight are U.S. soldiers and Marines, as well as Iraqi forces and the United Kingdom's Black Watch Regiment, which is "working along western bank of Euphrates River to dislodge (insurgent fighters) movements towards Baghdad," Casey said.

How many opponents they will face remains unknown, Casey said.

"We've been watching this fairly closely," Casey said. "I think there are people who have moved out, I think there are people who have moved in."

Yet even though "I don't have a specific number on the number of enemy who have left, I expect we will have a fight in there over the next few days," Casey said.

Insurgents are armed with "a range of weapons," Casey said, including AK-47 semi-automatic weapons, machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and some anti-aircraft weapons.

However, the insurgents' "weapons of choice are improvised explosive devices and car bombs," Casey said.

"Our (intelligence analysts) tell us they (the insurgents) have lined the streets with IEDs," Casey said.

Coalition forces also can "expect them to come at us with car bombs," Casey said.

"What we generally see is an outer crust of defense," Casey said. The insurgents "will fall back into the center of the



Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

city, where they will be a major confrontation."

In his first appearance before the Pentagon press corps since well before the elections, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday that unlike April's unsuccessful attempt to take control of Fallujah, this battle would "absolutely" finish the job.

"I cannot imagine [the battle in Fallujah] would stop without being completed," he said.

But when asked whether the fall of Fallujah would so discourage other insurgents looking for safe haven in Iraq that they would finally give up the fight, Rumsfeld said, "I wouldn't use the word 'final' to describe the battle."

Defeating insurgent forces in Iraq "is a tough business and it's going to take time," Rumsfeld said. "I wouldn't suggest this one city [Fallujah] will be the last step in this process."

However, he added, "Over time a process of tipping will take place. More and more Iraqis will be angry (at the lack of a security in their country) and I think they will turn on (the insurgents)."

Casey said that he has not heard reports by an embedded National Public Radio reporter that said one Iraqi unit that was supposed to fight shrank by 500 men who resigned their positions over the weekend.

However, Casey added, he had received information that some fighters who were supposedly on leave and expected to show up for the fight, did not do so.

Rumsfeld called the reported loss of Iraqi fighters "an isolated problem," citing participation by other units in recent fights in Najaf and Samarra.

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IN THE WORLD

Arafat's wife criticizes PLO officials' visit

BY LARA SUKHITIAN
The Associated Press

CLAMART, France — Yasser Arafat's wife on Monday accused his top lieutenants of seeking to grab control from her ailing husband, nearly torpedoing a visit by top Palestinian officials in the first sign of an open power struggle. Later, hospital officials restricted visitors to Arafat.

Despite the flap, Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas left the West Bank for Jordan to get a flight to Paris to visit Arafat, consult with his doctors and meet with top French officials, including President Jacques Chirac.

But as Qureia and Abbas were on their way, a spokesman for the military hospital where Arafat is being treated said the Palestinian leader remained in stable condition in the intensive care unit, and the "medical situation...compels us to restrict visitors" to him.

After reading a brief statement,

As potential successors head to France, Suha Arafat bashes power struggle starting to develop in Palestine

Gen. Christian Estripeau did not take any questions. It remained unclear whether the restriction would keep Qureia and Abbas away from Arafat. If it does, they could ask Chirac to intervene.

Arafat remains in "stable" condition in intensive care, a hospital spokesman said Monday.

In a screaming telephone call from Arafat's hospital bedside earlier Monday, Suha Arafat told Al-Jazeera television that Arafat's aides were conspiring to usurp her husband's four-decade-long role as Palestinian leader.

"Let it be known to the honest Palestinian people that a bunch of those who want to inherit are coming to Paris," she shouted in Arabic in her first public comments since Arafat left his West Bank compound for France.

In response, the top aides to Arafat briefly canceled their trip to Paris, but Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaar, who is accompanying them, later said the trip was back on and they left Ramallah for Jordan.

A senior aide to Arafat, Tayeb Abdel Rahim, originally said the three were angry with Arafat's wife and did not want to travel to Paris.

"What came from Suha doesn't represent our people," he said. "If the president were to hear that, he would reject it completely."

He said Suha Arafat "wanted to destroy the Palestinian leadership's decision and to be the lone decision-maker."

Suha Arafat said she was calling from Arafat's bedside at the hospital near Paris, where the 75-year-old leader has been in intensive care since Wednesday.

A producer from Al-Jazeera

told The Associated Press the station was confident it was Suha Arafat on the phone. She first called the network's Ramallah office, then its headquarters in Qatar.

Palestinians have been making contingency plans and working to avoid chaos or violence in the event of Arafat's death.

Qureia and Abbas have been working together to run Palestinian affairs in Arafat's absence and to prevent chaos and violence if the Palestinian leader dies. Qureia has taken on some of Arafat's executive and security powers, while Abbas has been chairing meetings of the PLO's executive body.

Jamil Tarifi, the Palestinian minister of civil affairs, told Al-Jazeera the group initially was hesitant about going, but the executive committee decided the trip would help "reassure" worried Palestinians. The group was due in Paris on Monday evening and



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, center, and his wife, Suha, hold hands prior to Arafat's departure from his West Bank compound in Ramallah on Oct. 29.

scheduled to meet with Chirac and French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier on Tuesday.

Some Palestinians have complained Suha Arafat has gained too much power. She controls the flow of information about Arafat's condition and has taken charge of access to her husband.

"It's an absurd situation that Suha is sitting there and deciding when, how and who," Sufian Abu al-Rub, an Israeli military official, told Israel's Army Radio.

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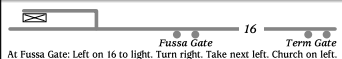
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French forces take positions near Ivory Coast president, ask for calm

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — French armored vehicles took up positions near the home of Ivory Coast's president Monday, and thousands of his supporters marched on the site, fearing an attempt to oust him as France clamped down on violence in its former West African colony.

The commanders of Ivory Coast and French forces appeared jointly on state television to appeal for calm. Earlier, French troops fired warning shots to ward off the surging, chanting throngs filling the

streets around the home of President Laurent Gbagbo.

A weekend of unrest by machete-wielding mobs confronting French troops has killed more than 500 people wounded, a Red Cross official said.

Fifty armored vehicles moved in around Gbagbo's home in Ivory Coast's commercial capital, Abidjan, presidential spokesman Desire Tagro said.

The French denied surrounding the house or intending to oust Gbagbo, saying forces only were securing a temporary base at the hotel a couple hundred yards away for foreign evacuations.

Muslims in Europe ask for security

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Muslim groups asked the Dutch government Monday to protect Islamic sites from an elementary school was bombed — the latest in escalating tensions following the killing of a filmmaker, allegedly by an Islamic radical.

The powerful, pre-dawn explosion in Eindhoven, about 75 miles south of Amsterdam, caused no injuries but blew out the school's front doors and scattered glass and debris across the usually quiet neighborhood.

City officials announced round-the-clock police protection for Islamic buildings, fearing further reprisals for the killing last Tuesday of Theo van Gogh, six alleged Islamic radicals are in custody in connection with his death. Eindhoven, an industrial city of 200,000 people, has five mosques. Ayhan Tonca, chairman of the Islamic Group for Muslims and Government, said the Muslim community fears further attacks. "We had seen a number of incidents of arson already but this was a full-scale bombing," Tonca said. "We can only be grateful that it was in the middle of the night, not when the children were at school."

Despite calls for restraint by government leaders for calm, Van Gogh's murder has unleashed a wave of violence aimed at the Muslim community.

"Eindhoven is shocked, very shocked," by a cowardly deed in the middle of the night when normal citizens are sleeping," Eindhoven Mayor Alexander Sakkers said.

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Trial of bin Laden's former driver halted

By PAISLEY DODDS
The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — A U.S. federal court halted proceedings ahead of the military trial of Osama bin Laden's driver Monday, saying his status as an enemy combatant had to be determined by a competent tribunal.

It was the first time a federal court has halted proceedings ahead of trials before U.S. military commissions, which had been resurrected from World War II, at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

A U.S. District Court judge in Washington halted the trial of Salim Ahmed Hamdan, 34, of Yemen, in a lawsuit filed by his lawyers. "Unless and until a competent tribunal determines that petitioner is not entitled to protections afforded prisoners of war under Article 4 of the Geneva Convention ... of Aug. 12, 1949, he may not be tried by military commission for the offenses with which he is charged," U.S. District Judge James Robertson said in his ruling.

Judge: Enemy combatant status yet to be established

The court also ruled that unless the military commission guidelines are changed to conform to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Hamdan cannot be tried by the commissions and must be moved from the pre-commission wing at the Camp Delta prison camp to the general population.

Four terror suspects set to go before the commissions were moved out of solitary cells recently to a pre-commission wing of Delta.

Hamdan's military-appointed defense lawyer, Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Swift, also asked the commission Monday to reinstate two members and an alternate who were dismissed after challenges to their impartiality. Swift said he would not have challenged them in August if he knew his client would be penalized by facing a smaller three-member commission.

Hamdan's military trial was to have

begun Dec. 7 at this U.S. base in eastern Cuba. The ruling in Washington came as lawyers began pretrial motion hearings in the case of Hamdan, who is charged with conspiracy to commit war crimes, murder and terrorism.

Hamdan said he never supported terrorism, was not an al-Qaida member and earned only a pitance driving bin Laden.

"These commissions were intended for people like Osama bin Laden, not a mechanic who drove people around," Swift said. "The fact that we're doing this will taint the reputation of military justice for years to come."

Hamdan was found to be an enemy combatant last month by a review tribunal — a classification affording fewer legal protections than prisoner of war. His lawyer was barred from representing him at the hearing.

Swift's federal lawsuit is one of more than 60 similar challenges, arguing that the commissions are illegal and should not have jurisdiction.

Since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June cleared the way for detainees to challenge their detentions in U.S. courts, civilian attorneys have poured into Guantanamo to meet with clients.

Some of the 550 prisoners from more than 40 countries have been held for nearly three years, but few have had access to attorneys and only four have been charged.

Since President Bush ordered the commissions, defense attorneys have said the rules are so vague that a fair trial is impossible. There is no specific appeal process, and lawyers are still debating what type of evidence can be used during trials.

The review tribunals were set up after the Supreme Court decision, and since then more than 300 cases have been reviewed. Only one man, a Pakistani, has been freed.

China working toward trimming budget deficit

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — China will selectively reduce spending to help trim its ballooning fiscal deficit, state media reported Monday, citing top economic officials who also stressed Beijing's intention to keep its monetary and currency policies stable.

The reports followed an economic planning conference over the weekend.

Though the government wants to cut the deficit next year, a major reduction in spending is unlikely because of the need to support weaker areas of the economy, such as agriculture, major state-run financial newspapers cited Vice Finance Minister Lou Jiwei as saying.

Lou said the government intends to reduce borrowing by issuing fewer special bonds and short-term notes, while continuing to issue regular bonds, the China Securities Journal and other newspapers reported.

The reports didn't give figures for the debt, which are expected to be released in 2005.

Heavy spending aimed at boosting growth helped push the government's annual deficit from less than 1 percent of gross domestic product in the mid-1990s to more than 3 percent since 1997.

The government's budgeted deficit for 2004 is 319.8 billion yuan (\$38.7 billion), the same as in 2003.

The government has already ordered cutbacks in spending on public construction projects to help cool a boom that it says is fueling inflation and could cause financial problems. Last month, it raised most lending rates for the first time in nine years to help slow surging lending.

China's gross domestic product grew 9.1 percent over a year earlier in the third quarter of this year, well above the 7 percent official target for 2004.

A report on the Chinese economy released Friday by the International Monetary Fund expressed concern that speculative and redundant investments could rebound unless Beijing tightens credit further. It also called for China to loosen tight currency controls.

But state media reacted on Monday to the report by stressing Beijing's view that efforts to cool the economy have yielded substantial results.

"The significance of the success of this round of macro-management should not be underestimated," Ma Kai, head of the main planning agency National Development and Reform Commission, said in excerpts of a speech published in the China Daily.

Get out of jail and get a free umbrella!



Prisoners about to be released hold umbrellas that were presented to them at a ceremony Monday in a prison in Xiaoshan, in Hangzhou, in east China's Zhejiang province. A slogan on the umbrellas reads "Go well on the journey." The prison released seven people and presented them with gifts from members of the care and correction they received during their time in jail.

Strong earthquake shakes northern Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A strong earthquake hit northern Taiwan Monday night, shaking buildings in the capital, Taipei, for several seconds. No injuries or serious damage was immediately reported.

The 5.7-magnitude quake's epicenter was in the Pacific ocean, about 0.4 mile from the northeast coastal city of Ilan, the Central Weather Service said. Ilan is about 30 miles southeast of Taipei.

The quake caused buildings in Taipei to sway gently for several seconds, and the bureau said that the entire island felt the tremor.

Earthquakes frequently rock Taiwan, but most are minor and cause little or no damage. However, a 7.6-magnitude earthquake four years ago in central Taiwan killed more than 2,300 people.

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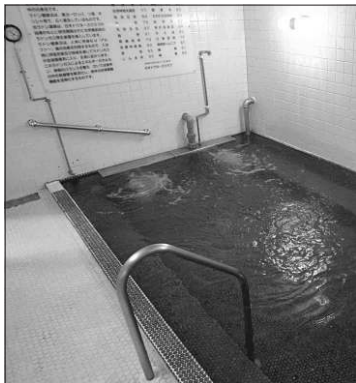
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Large signs on the wall of a bath at Ofuna Radon Hot Spa in Ofuna, Japan, inform bathers of the effects of radon bath. Although scientists say the gas is a carcinogen, many Japanese say it improves their health.

Radon all the rage in Japan

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

OFUNA, Japan — It has been singled out as the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, right behind smoking. But to Shiro Umeda, sprightly at 74, radon is the best thing since aspirin.

Every month for the past 10 years, he has come to a radon bath here to soak it up and breathe it in. He's convinced it has helped ease his back pain and improve his overall health.

Undaunted by warnings from the scientific community that the highly radioactive gas is a carcinogen, tens of thousands of health-seekers are drawn each year to hot springs in Japan that claim radon can cure an array of ills.

"Not a doubt in my mind," Umeda said after a recent session. "It makes me feel better."

The popularity of radon is nothing new.

At the turn of the century, its curative powers were believed to be so strong that patients containing radon or radium, its parent element, ranged from toothpaste and beauty creams to chocolate bars.

Research has since led most health experts to make an about-face.

While acknowledging that high doses are undoubtedly

dangerous, Yutaka Okumura, a professor of radiology at Nagasaki University, a leading center of radiation research, said the issue may be less simple than some of the more dire cautions suggest.

Okumura cited a study he participated in that found cancer fatalities between 1976 and 1993 among more than 4,300 people living near one of Japan's most famous radon springs, Misasa, were significantly lower than rates elsewhere. Radon levels in the test area were roughly 70 becquerels per cubic meter, or about three times higher than those in the control areas.

"I believe people who frequent radon hot springs may be less likely to die of cancer," he said.

However, Nagasaki University professor Shunichi Yamashita, a colleague of Okumura's who specializes in the effects of radiation on atomic-bomb victims, said many radon hot springs are safe

simply because, unlike Misasa, they don't actually have much radon.

Other than Okumura's cancer study, there is also little evidence linking radon to any specific health benefits. Claims like radon-believer Umeda's are often explained by researchers as the result of the placebo effect, or to the soothing heat of the bathwater itself.

"I believe people who frequent radon hot springs may be less likely to die of cancer."

Yutaka Okumura

Nagasaki University professor

East Germany faces stagnation 15 years after opening the Berlin Wall

BY TONY CZUCZKA

The Associated Press

GOERLITZ, Germany — Fifteen years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the lovingly restored houses, squares and churches in this medieval town look like monuments to success in Germany's massive effort to revive its once-communist east.

But at night a different picture emerges in the dark windows and empty streets: Half the apartments in the city center stand empty behind their elegant baroque and art deco facades.

Cultural treasures boost pride

but can't cover up the town's dramatic loss of people and jobs. High unemployment remains the worst symptom of an unsolved economic mess that continues to drain the life out of what used to be East Germany.

It's more than enough to dampen any festive mood Tuesday, the anniversary of East Germany's Nov. 9, 1989, decision to open the Berlin Wall in the face of huge pro-democracy demonstrations. East and West Germany merged 11 months later, ending their 40-year Cold War divide.

The East's stagnation, a legacy of a failed investment spree and

high taxes and regulation imported from West Germany, has made a mockery of former Chancellor Helmut Kohl's 1990 promise of "flowering landscapes" in an east freed of communist rule.

Reunification began with euphoria, and the westward began pumping what would eventually amount to \$1.5 trillion into the east, expecting that the poorer cousins would soon catch up.

The money built new highways, train stations, telephone networks and shopping malls, and rescued historical treasures such as Goerlitz's downtown, which had crumbled under communism.

But new buildings didn't equal jobs: Every fifth easterner remains out of work, roughly twice the national average.

Add growing pressure on jobs also in the west, where unemployment is over 9 percent, and easterners can expect even less sympathy from their richer brethren this year.

"The relationship is still tense and difficult, and it doesn't appear to be getting easier," Mayor Rolf Karbaum said in his office at Goerlitz's 16th-century town hall.

The troubles faced by Goerlitz, 120 miles southeast of Berlin, are mirrored across much of the east. The city's outmoded smokestack industries collapsed in the breakneck switch to capitalism, wiping out 10,000 jobs in a population of 72,000.

That population shrank by nearly a quarter as the educated, young and talented headed west to find work, leaving behind the elderly and unskilled. Unemployment has hovered around 25 percent for years.

"The young people don't come back once they have some job training in the west," Karbaum said. "They stay where they have their new environment, their newly founded families."

Overall, the east has lost more than 800,000 of its 17 million people.



A 16th-century building and the tall spires of the Gothic St. Petrus church mark the economic stagnation faced by Goerlitz in what was once East Germany. After the Berlin Wall was opened and eventually torn down, the more prosperous west poured nearly \$1.5 trillion into the east, restoring historic treasures and building train stations, highways and shopping malls, but the money failed to translate into jobs.

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Above: Michelle, of the Philippines, works on makeup Saturday during the Miss International Queen 2004 competition, a transvestite beauty pageant in Pattaya, Thailand. The first international transvestite competition drew entrants mostly from Asia, but there also were entries from Europe. The main contest rule was contestants had to be born male. Right: Treechada Petcharat, right, of Thailand and Fujiko Sakaki, center, and Miki Yoshikawa, left, both from Japan, wait backstage.

First transvestite pageant crowns its international queen

BY ALISA TANG

The Associated Press

PATTAYA, Thailand — Re-shaping their bodies with tape — and in some cases, surgery — the Miss International Queen contestants looked more feminine than many women could ever dream of, even though they were all born boys.

The 24 crossdressers and medically altered transsexuals caked on makeup, sprayed their hair into hurricane-proof bouffants, and donned glamorous gowns and skimpy bikinis for the international beauty pageant.

Transgenderism is common and widely accepted in mostly Buddhist Thailand, particularly in Bangkok and towns such as Pattaya. A two-hour drive south of Bangkok, this beach resort is known for its anything-goes sexuality, prostitution and transvestite cabaret theaters like Tiffany's, where the first Miss International Queen pageant carried on into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The contestants, from 11 Asian countries, Germany and France, primed backstage as they answered questions about the escapes from their male bodies.

Jesse Rogers, a 29-year-old fashion design student from Singapore, realized she was attracted to men when she — or he at the time — was in the army.

"I found that I liked men and that I wanted to be a woman," she said. "I suspected it before, but I didn't know for sure until then."

Arisha Rani, a 29-year-old Indian beauty with curves Jennifer Lopez might envy, said "from childhood, I was always wearing my younger sister's clothes."



Petcharat, right, reacts to winning the crown as fellow competitor Arisha Rani of India earns the runner-up spot.

Waving painted nails in front of nervous faces and batting big eyelash extensions, they composed themselves to gracefully glide in high heels into the spotlight of the event, broadcast live in Thailand.

Guests at the event stared at almost every woman who attended the pageant, and one could see the question in their eyes: A "real" woman, or not? The Miss International Queen title and \$7,000 prize went to college student Treechada Petcharat who flat-out passed the test — no one could guess she was once a boy.

"I don't think that I'm more woman than the women here," said a breathless Treechada, crowned with a gemmed tiara, beaming a perfect smile for flashing cameras. "But I definitely feel like a real woman."



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IN THE STATES

White House: Chief of staff Card will stay

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has been mum on personnel and Cabinet changes expected in President Bush's second term, but a man at the center of the anticipated shuffle is staying.

The president asked Andrew Card to remain as White House chief of staff, the president's spokesman Scott McClellan said Monday.

"Andy Card was honored to accept," McClellan said of the 57-year-old Holbrook, Mass., native who is married to the Rev. Kathleen Card and has three children.

Promising to spend the political capital he earned on a very ambitious agenda, the president took Card and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice with him to Camp David to talk strategy.

There is much to consider: Who will be in the Cabinet? How will Bush deal with the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and the prospect that Iran will become a nuclear power? Will the insurgency in Iraq be quelled? Domestically, there's the question of how to



President Bush and his family, first lady Laura Bush, twin daughters Jenna, right, and Barbara Bush, third right, along with Lindsey Lineweaver, special assistant to Mrs. Bush, second right, arrive on the South Lawn of the White House on Sunday in Washington.

push for tax, medical liability and Social Security reforms. And then there's the stalled Middle East peace effort.

Monday marked the beginning of Bush's first full week at the White House since his re-election, and he was still being lauded for his victory.

Bush received congratulatory calls from leaders in Japan, China, Turkey and South Africa and dropped in on senior staff to thank them for their hard work, McClellan said.

Bush's first week as a second term began slowly. Bush met with Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld, but no public events were scheduled Monday or Tuesday and the only thing on Wednesday's calendar is a dinner. The public schedule picks up Thursday when he meets with visiting British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his steadfast ally in Iraq.

At his post-election news con-

ference Thursday, Bush acknowledged that some of his decisions were unpopular abroad. He said U.S. security interests would still drive his decision-making.

But he added: "I will reach out to others and explain why I make the decisions I make. Whatever our past disagreements, we share a common enemy, and we have common duties to protect our people, to confront disease and hunger and poverty in troubled regions of the world."

Bush is under pressure from U.S. allies in Europe to play a more aggressive role in reviving the Middle East peace process. The election ballots were still being counted when Blair declared that the Mideast conflict is the most important political challenge in the world today.

There is little the Bush administration can do right away as long as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat continues his battle with a possible terminal illness. However, down the road — especially if Arafat's eventual successor is able to temper violence and negotiate with Israel — the administration could play a role in breaking the Israeli-Palestinian standoff.

Administration looks at tax reform

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — As the White House prepares to name a blue-ribbon panel on tax reform, the labyrinthine U.S. revenue code could face the first post-election rewrite since President Reagan closed loopholes and slashed income tax rates on a historic scale in 1986.

"This is a fundamental look at the entire code, every component of the code," a senior administration official said late last week.

Yet some political analysts and policy advocates believe the result could turn out to be considerably more modest. The commission might come up with provocative proposals, they said, but that does not mean the president will put his weight behind them.

Even if Bush decides to push for major tax revisions, he probably will be constrained by the soaring federal budget deficits that began in his first term, spurred in part by his huge tax cuts. Bush has made renewal of those cuts a high priority, stirring concern among Democrats and some Republican conservatives about the impact on the deficit. The

president has said any broader program of tax reform must not worsen the deficit.

Basking in the glow of last week's electoral victory, Bush declared that revamping the tax code was at the top of his second-term domestic agenda, along with Social Security reform.

But the president offered only vague clues as to what he had in mind on taxes: The system should be made simpler and fairer. It should encourage saving and reward risk. There should be fewer "loopholes" for special interests, he said, but extending "incentives" such as the deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions should be retained. And the changes, whatever they were, should not cause overall tax collection to rise.

"Simplification would be the goal," Bush said Thursday during a post-election news conference.

Administration officials said the next step in the process would be the appointment by year's end of the special commission to study reform options. Bush revealed his intention to name the group during his renomination acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in New York last August.

The religious vote

ORLANDO, Fla. — America's conservative religious leaders, credited with providing the margin of victory for President Bush's re-election, are ready to present the White House with a bill for services rendered.

The list, they say, is a lengthy one, beginning with the nomination of U.S. Supreme Court justices who will overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision on abortion, increased support for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, and a larger role in policing decency for the Federal Communications Commission.

The Rev. Steve Smith, spokesman for First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla., said Bush's election and his support among conservative Christians show large portions of the electorate are "grounded in traditional family values."

Paul Scroggins, executive director of the Christian service agency Vision Orlando, said social and cultural matters important to evangelicals might become more of a priority for all lawmakers if the group continues to flex its political muscle at the polls.

Although Republicans supported faith-related causes during the past four years, expectations have increased.

Rev. Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, a strong Bush supporter, predicted the proposed amendment banning gay marriage would be added to the Constitution. With White House backing, he said, it will pass the U.S. Senate by the required two-thirds majority — it has al-

ready passed in the House by a simple majority — and will be ratified by three-fourths of the nation's state legislatures.

Youth voter turnout

ST. LOUIS — Don't believe the hype about the disappointing youth vote this year.

Even as the polls closed last Tuesday, many pundits, bloggers and reporters were asking what happened to the much-ballyhoosed young voters who were supposed to turn out in huge numbers, prodded to the polls by MTV, the war in Iraq, frantic college registration drives and a close election.

But in the election aftermath, many commentators said that 18- to 29-year-olds were, once again, missing in action.

The truth is, by many measures, young people appeared to have rocked the vote as promised and showed up in large numbers — bigger even than in 1992, the last high-morale turnout among this group, according to widely cited and accepted estimates.

Researchers at the Center for Information & Research in Civic Learning & Engagement estimate that 4.6 million more people under the age of 30 voted this year than in 2000, based on exit polls and early vote total results.

People misinterpreted the numbers, said Carrie Donovan, youth director at the University of Maryland research center. Some news reports said that 10 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds showed up at the polls, when in fact 10 percent of the people interviewed in exit polls were in that age group.

From The Associated Press

Poll: Voters glad to have quick election results

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans say the decisive presidential election last week has given them renewed confidence about the nation's electoral system and they're hopeful about the next four years, an Associated Press Poll finds.

At the same time, they feel a sense of urgency about Iraq, their top priority for President Bush to tackle after his re-election, questioning disclosure of Iraq was followed by terrorism among voters' leading concerns.

Voters took comfort from an election that wasn't tied up in the courts, as in 2000.

"Anytime you have to wait as long as it the election did in 2000, it leaves people with doubts and a bitter taste in their mouths," said Jim Seaman, a Republican businessman from Summerville, S.C.

The poll taken in the days following the election also found that voters want Bush to cut the deficit, which ballooned under his watch, rather than pushing for more tax cuts.

The voters' concerns stood in contrast to the priorities Bush cited after he defeated Democrat John Kerry. Bush pledged to aggressively pursue major changes in Social Security, tax laws and medical malpractice awards. Terrorism was a chief concern both

for Bush and many voters in the poll.

"I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and now I intend to spend it," Bush said.

More than one-fourth of respondents, 27 percent, named Iraq as the top priority for Bush's second term, ahead of terrorism, the economy and health care. Only 2 percent named taxes as a priority in the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

By more than a 2-1 ratio, voters said they preferred that the president balance the budget rather than reduce taxes further.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 844 registered voters was taken Nov. 3-5 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Supreme Court won't hear felon-voting case

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court decided Monday to hear an appeal from Washington state to stop minority felons from blocking the right to vote.

Justices left intact a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision that allows six current and former inmates to challenge as racially discriminatory a Washington state law stripping them of their right to vote. The inmates now need to proceed to trial.

The high court, however, also let stand a 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in the opposite direction. That lower court rejected an appeal from convicted New York felon Jaili Abdul Muntagim, saying states should have the discretion to restrict voting rights unless Congress specifically states otherwise.

The Washington case has significant political implications, particularly given the close votes in the last two presidential elections. A victory for inmates at the Washington trial could stir lawsuits in the 47 other states — all except Maine and Vermont — that prohibit imprisoned fel-

Court decisions

The Associated Press

In developments Monday at the Supreme Court, the justices:

■ **Held** arguments in two cases without Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who is working from home while he receives radiation and chemotherapy for thyroid cancer.

■ **Refused** to consider whether health insurers violate antitrust laws when they team up with doctors to adopt reimbursement policies that siphon business away from chiropractors.

■ **Wrangled** with a case that seeks to

clarify when police can be sued for arresting suspects on charges that later fall apart. The Washington state case being argued involves a man who sued over his arrest during a traffic stop.

■ **Passed** up a chance to consider whether the U.S. Coast Guard can be sued for providing questionable emergency care to an injured Florida diver who later became paralyzed.

■ **Declined** to review four Massachusetts discrimination cases involving judgments of thousands of dollars that employers say have been decided by juries, not judges.

ons from voting

A similar lawsuit by 600,000 felons in Florida is pending in federal court there. That case, or another, could give the Supreme Court another opportunity to clear up confusion.

The Washington inmates — four blacks,

one American Indian and one Hispanic — filed the lawsuit in 1996, saying the state law violates the federal Voting Rights Act by denying them equal access to the polls. Minorities are particularly hurt because they are overrepresented in the prison community, they said.

The state of Washington countered that Congress never intended to protect convicted felons when it passed the Voting Rights Act.

Also, if minorities are disproportionately hurt, that is not the fault of the state law but other factors such as unfair sentencing practices, the state's legal filings say.

In its ruling last year, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit didn't side with the inmates, but agreed that their claims of bias deserved full airing in court.

It noted that blacks make up about 3 percent of the state population but account for 37 percent of the "persistent offender" sentences handed down.

Nationwide, about 4.7 million people are ineligible to vote because of a felony conviction, according to The Sentencing Project, an advocacy group in Washington, D.C., a number that could easily tip the balance in a close race. Last week, President Bush topped Sen. John Kerry by about 3.5 million votes.

Of those disenfranchised because of convictions, about 1.4 million are black men.

The cases are Locke v. Farrakhan, 03-1597, and Muntagim v. Coombe, 04-175.

FBI: Guns, traffic killed most cops

BY CURT ANDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI reported Monday that 132 police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2003, with guns and traffic accidents claiming the most lives.

Of the total, which is eight deaths more than in 2002, 49 were killed in traffic accidents and 45 slain with firearms. Thirty-one of those killed with guns were wearing body armor at the time.

In all cases, the average age of the officer killed was about 37 and average level of police experience 10 years. The totals translate into one officer death every 2.8 days nationally, the FBI estimated.

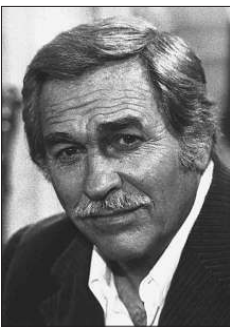
Authorities solved all the cases in 2003 of officers who were shot to death or otherwise intentionally killed. Thirty-eight suspects were arrested, 14 were killed by police and six committed suicide, according to the FBI.

About half of the officers killed intentionally were facing traffic stops or arrests. Ten were slain while investigating disturbance calls, and nine were ambushed.

Twenty-eight of the 52 intentional killings and 37 of the 80 accidental deaths took place in the South, by far the deadliest region.

In addition to the officer deaths, nearly 8,000 officers were assaulted in 2003 while performing official duties, with more than 16,000 suffering injuries. Eight out of 10 of these attacks involved firearms, fists and feet.

The report was culled from information submitted by more than 10,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies.



Actor Howard Keel, the broad-shouldered baritone who rendered his way through a series of glittering MGM musicals such as "Kiss Me Kate" and "Annie Get Your Gun" and later appeared on "Dallas," died Sunday at age 85.

Musical star Keel dead at 85

BY BOB THOMAS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Howard Keel, who lent his good looks and rich baritone to such movie musicals as "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" before reinventing himself as the macho star of westerns and later aboard TV's "Dallas," has died.

Keel died Sunday morning of colon cancer at his home in Palm Desert, according to his son, Gunnar. He was 85.

Keel starred in Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals in New York and London before being signed to an MGM contract after World War II.

He became a star with his first MGM film, playing Frank Butler to Betty Hutton's Annie Oakley in "Annie Get Your Gun."

Keel's size and lusty voice made him an ideal leading man for such stars as Esther Williams ("Pagan Love Song"), "Texas Carnival," "Jupiter's Darling," Ann Blyth ("Rose Marie," "Kismet"), Kathryn Grayson ("Show Boat," "Lovely to Look At," "Kiss Me Kate") and Doris Day ("Calamity Jane"). His own favorite film was the exuberant "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

When film studios went into a slump, MGM's musical factory was disbanded. Keel kept busy on the road in such sirefire attrac-

tions of "Man of La Mancha," "South Pacific," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

Keel was in his early 60s and presumably nearing the end of his career when he suddenly became a star in another medium.

From its start in 1978, "Dallas" with its combination of oil, greed, sex and duplicity had become the hottest series in television. Jim Davis, who had played the role of Jack Ewing, died in 1981, and the producers needed another strong presence to stand up to the nefarious J.R. Ewing Jr. (Larry Hagman). They chose Keel.

"The show was enormous," Keel said in 1995. "I couldn't believe it. My life changed again. From being out of it, I was suddenly a star, known to more people than ever before. Wherever I went, crowds appeared again, and I started making solo albums for the first time in my career."

Keel was married and then divorced twice: to actress Rosemary Cooper and dancer Helen Anderson, with whom he had three children: Kajja, Kristine and Gunnar. In 1970 he married former airline stewardess Judy Maganoff. They had one daughter, Leslie.

He continued singing in the 1980s, explaining: "As long as I can sing halfway decent, I'd rather sing (than act). There's nothing like being in good voice, feeling good, having good numbers to do and having a fine orchestra."

N.J. governor gives farewell speech

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — A contrite Gov. James E. McGreevey delivered a farewell address Monday in which he said he does not apologize "for being a gay man" but rather for having let personal feelings impact my decision-making.

McGreevey used the speech to list several accomplishments of his administration, but the Democrat also expounded on the soul-searching that has occupied his time since making his stunning, nationally televised resignation announcement three months ago with his wife and parents by his side.

"I am sorry that I have disappointed the citizens of the state of New Jersey who gave me this enormous trust," said McGreevey, whose family did not attend Monday's speech.

McGreevey is to step down Nov. 15. He resigned over a gay affair with a man identified as Golan Cipel — hired by the governor in 2002 to head the state's Homeland Security department. Cipel has steadfastly denied any involvement with

McGreevey and has alleged he was sexually harassed by the governor.

McGreevey highlighted reforms of the state's child welfare agency, environmental protections and benefits for domestic partners as some of the top achievements of his administration. But the bulk of the speech focused on McGreevey's beliefs on what he called the nation's divisive political climate and his inner thoughts about being "an American who just happens to be gay and proud."

"I don't look back with bitterness, anger or sorrow. I look forward to seeking knowledge, a journey of self-discovery," the governor told a crowd of about 400 people at a museum, at times quoting from philosophers and poets.

Republicans have criticized McGreevey for staying in office so long after announcing his intention to resign. The decision to remain in office until Nov. 15 means Sen. President Richard Codey, a Democrat, will serve out the final year of McGreevey's term. Had McGreevey stepped down immediately, a special election would have been held.



New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey is expected to resign on Nov. 15, ending a term plagued by scandal.

Stocking adds stability to ailing hearts

Fabric has ability to shrink muscle, helping it pump more efficiently

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A simple fabric device that looks like fishnet hose but acts like support stockings helped weak hearts pump more efficiently and even shrink back to a more normal size, researchers reported at an American Heart Association conference.

The device is targeted at people with heart failure, which happens when a weak or damaged heart can't pump as forcefully as it should. The heart enlarges, fluid backs up into the lungs, and people get more and more short of breath and tired, often making many trips to the hospital until their hearts eventually give out.

About 5 million Americans have this condition and more than a million have the type that might be helped by the new stocking-like device.

The mesh stocking is still experimental, but its maker, Acorn Cardiovascular Inc. of St. Paul, Minn., already has approval to sell it in Europe and will seek approval from the federal Food and Drug Administration early next year.

Several experts said the stocking surgically implanted stocking could fill a gap for people

who are not helped by drugs or pacemakers and who do not want or cannot have a mechanical heart pump or an organ transplant.

"We have little to offer surgically," said Dr. Timothy Gardner, a heart surgeon from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia who had no role in the study. "There's a lot of interest in this kind of simple technique."

Dr. Douglas Mann, the Baylor College of Medicine cardiologist who led a company-funded study of the device, called it "breakthrough technology."

"This does more than any existing therapy that's out there today," he said.

The company-sponsored study included 300 patients at 28 hospitals in the United States and one in Canada.

One part involved 193 people having surgery to fix a leaky heart valve, a common problem in heart failure patients. Doctors gave 102 standard surgery and the other 91 surgery plus the heart stocking.

The second part of the study involved 107 people who did not need valve surgery. Fifty were given standard treatment drugs — ACE inhibitors, beta blockers and water pills — and the other 57 got drugs plus surgery to install the stocking.

After an average of two years, 38 percent of the stocking group had improved compared with 27 percent of the others, according to a rating system including survival and other factors. About 37 percent with the stocking got worse, compared with 45 percent of the others.

Only 19 stocking recipients needed a transplant, a mechanical heart pump or other major heart operation, but 33 in the other group did. "We think this stabilizes the disease process" by relieving the pressure on the heart and giving it support so it can rest between beats, Mann said.

Researchers also measured changes in the heart's shape and size and found dramatic differences with the stocking around the organ.

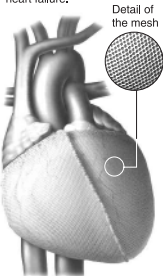
"These big hearts, with this device, became small hearts," and went from a basketball shape to the more natural football shape that lets them beat as they should, Mann said.

The stocking actually changes the size of the cells making up the heart, said Dr. Spencer Kubo, Acorn's medical director.

The device did not help people avoid hospital stays, but doctors hope it will with longer use. They also hope to develop a way to install it through "keyhole" surgery rather than a big cut in the chest. Company officials would not say what the device is expected to cost.

Heart stocking

Researchers have created a surgically implanted mesh stocking for the heart that acts like support hose for people with heart failure.



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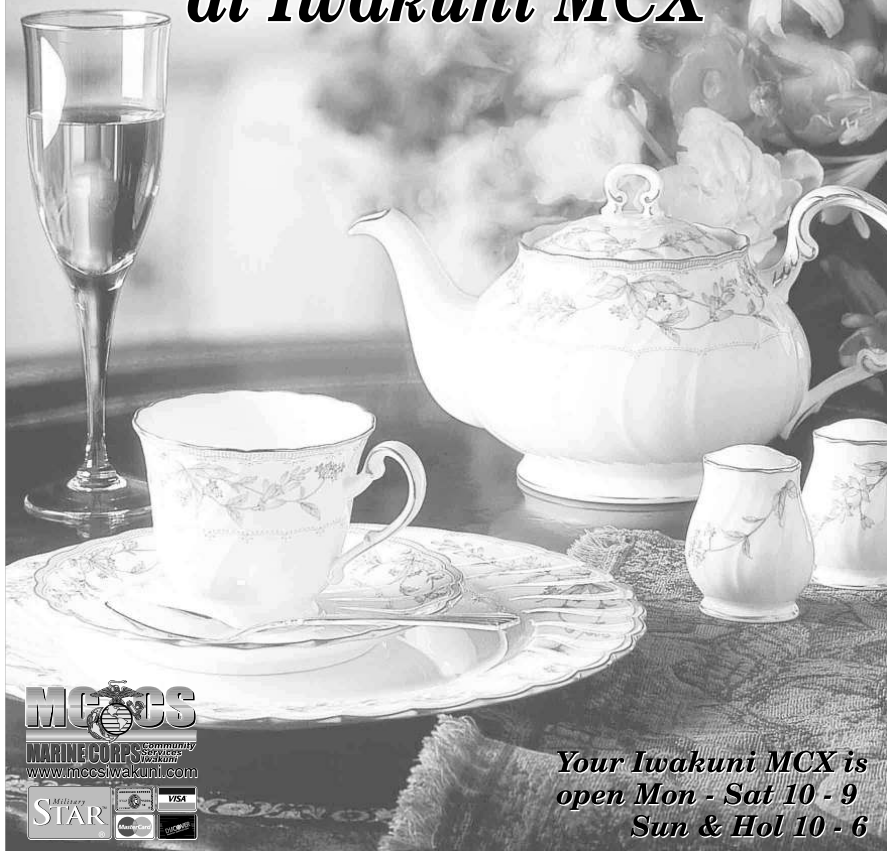
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Test-stressed students turn to ADHD meds

Prescription stimulants alleged to boost scores on high-stakes entrance exams

BY NICHOLAS ZAMSKA
The Wall Street Journal

BETHESDA, Md. — On the morning he was to take the SAT last March, a 17-year-old senior at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in suburban Washington went looking for a bottle of pills. His score on practice tests had been too low and, with his sights set on an Ivy League college, he needed a miracle. Or, friends suggested, Adderall.

He grabbed a tiny blue pill from his little brother's prescription stash and swallowed it two hours before the test.

Despite some jitters when he took the test that he attributes to the drug — a stimulant prescribed for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD — he scored 200 points better than he had on a previous test. In an interview recently, he credited the drug with keeping him alert and confident. "It just felt like I was on top of my game. I knew I was going to get the questions right."

Students have long taken stimulants — ranging from caffeine to cocaine — to help them stay up all night writing papers and cramming for exams. Now, some high-school and college kids are using prescription drugs in hopes of improving their performance on the standardized admissions tests for college and graduate school, according to interviews with students, parents, test tutors and doctors.

"It used to be on the fringes completely, but now it's seeping into the mainstream," says Steven Roy Goodman, a college and graduate-school admissions consultant in Washington. "If you're one of hundreds of kids fighting for one of 10 spots, you'll do everything you can to get the extra edge."

William Pollack, a psychologist and director of the Centers for Men and Young Men at Harvard

University's McLean Hospital, says he has spoken with more than 50 students who say they've used stimulants to raise their test scores. "I've seen it become a trend," Pollack says.

Chul Yim, 24, a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, who has a job on Capitol Hill in Washington, says he's wrestling with whether to use a stimulant before he takes the Law School Admission Test next year. "I really can't fail," he says, "because it's not just me that's failing. I fail for my parents and my entire family. Even if it bumps my score up an extra point, it's worth it."

On high-stakes admissions tests where minor swings in scores — let alone a 200-point improvement on a 1,600-point test — can be very important in getting into the right school, many students have become desperate to ace the exam, turning to everything from hypnosis to herbal supplements for an extra edge.

The current drug of choice for many students is Adderall, a fast-acting mixture of amphetamines made by Shire Pharmaceuticals Group of the United Kingdom, that is one of a handful of stimulants prescribed for ADHD. Shire says Adderall isn't intended to enhance test scores and should be used only under medical supervision. Some students also have used Ritalin, a stimulant approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1955 that became popular in the 1990s for treatment of ADHD. Ritalin is frequently prescribed for children.

Amphetamines act on the brain by mimicking the neurotransmitter dopamine, which increases alertness and concentration. Studies conducted by the National Institutes of Health in the late 1970s found that low-dose stimulants increase concentration and alertness in everyone, not just people with attention disorders.

Side effects of Adderall can include loss of appetite, insomnia and weight loss. "One pill won't kill you, but we also know that with adolescents, I take one pill, I'm more likely to take a second pill," says Westley Clark, a physician and director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Today, with so many young people taking the drugs for attention-deficit disorder, it isn't hard to scrounge a pill from a sibling or schoolmate.

Overall, prescriptions for stimulants have risen to 2.6 million a month in 2004, from 1.6 million in 2000, says IMS Health Inc., a consulting firm in Fairfield, Conn. According to those sales figures, Adderall XR, an extended-release form of the drug, is the leader in its class, capturing around a third of the market.

Some kids who take stimulants before tests have valid prescriptions, but not all. Under federal law, it's illegal to knowingly possess a "schedule II" drug, such as Adderall, without a prescription.

But prosecutions for possession are rare.

The College Board, the nonprofit administrator of the SAT, a national college admissions test, isn't aware of students using drugs illegally to help with tests, spokeswoman Chiara Coletti says. The board has no rules explicitly prohibiting drug use, but "we certainly do not recommend that students take any drugs or stimulants in hopes of affecting their scores," she says.

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Good excuses for new car

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — The desire to buy a new car is strong this time of year, with new models on every lot.

Mark McCready, director of pricing strategy and market analysis at CarsDirect.com, an automotive research Web site, says you might consider getting a different vehicle if:

■ Your family is growing, or you otherwise need a vehicle with a larger capacity.

■ You've changed your job. Commuting increases expenses such as tolls and gasoline and general wear and tear on your car. You may want a vehicle that is more comfortable for long drives, or gets good gas mileage.

■ You've moved from one climate to another. Your new home state may be prone to rough weather — such as excessive rain, snow, hail or wind — that doesn't suit your current vehicle. Find a car that is better

equipped. "You may not want to drive your Corvette in a Michigan winter," notes McCready.

■ Your finances have changed significantly. If your family is transitioning from two incomes to one, you might search for a more practical vehicle. On the other hand, if you've had a raise, you might suddenly be in the market to get a new car with all the bells and whistles.

■ Your credit has improved. Better credit means you'll have access to lower interest rates when financing your purchase. ■ You bought your current vehicle in 2001 or earlier. Today's interest rates are much lower than those before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, McCready says.

■ Your car needs major repairs that will cost you more than the car is worth.

■ You want improved safety features. That's one of the big reasons people buy a new car, McCready says. "Cars get better every year," he says.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.3217
British pound	\$1.49
Japanese yen (Nov. 8)	\$0.0080
South Korean won (Nov. 8)	\$0.0020
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3779
British pound	\$1.8563
Canada (Dollar)	1.1915
Denmark (Krone)	5.7796
Egypt (Pound)	0.2381
Euro	\$1.2962
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7119
Hungary (Forint)	190.88
Iceland (Krona)	65.49
Israel (Shekel)	4.438
Japan (Yen)	0.0065
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.244
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Eminem rocked the vote

Rapper Eminem made his voice heard for the first time at the ballot box.

The 32-year-old voted by absentee ballot for the first week's presidential election and had a bodyguard drop it off in Clinton Township, Mich., clerk Dennis Tomlinson said.

"This guy (the bodyguard) was huge. I'd hate to run into him in a dark alley late at night," Tomlinson told The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens.

No word on who Eminem voted for. In a recent interview with Rolling Stone, he said it would be his first time voting. He was highly critical of President Bush but had not yet settled on Democratic Sen. John Kerry.

The rapper had been enlisted by hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons to help encourage thousands of young fans to vote. His music even made it into the campaign: Democratic contender Dick Gephardt played "Lose Yourself" on the trail.

Timeless display at awards show

This year's American Music Awards will feature stars such as Usher, Alicia Keys, Gwen Stefani and Rod Stewart, but the most talked-about moment might come from the Beatles.

The show plans to air a 2½-minute tape from 1964 that was recently discovered.

"We've got a wonderful old... tape that's been lost for 40 years that nobody's seen since it first aired featuring the Beatles singing 'She Loves You' and 'I Wanna Hold Your Hand,'" producer Dick Clark said last week. "It was an English show that aired here that for some reason or another went into a trunk somewhere."

Stefani is set to open the Nov. 14 show, which will air live on ABC from Los Angeles. Janet Jackson will introduce Keys and Usher.

Spacey makes a 'Splash' with voice

Kevin Spacey has been channeling an old hero — Bobby Darin.

For his new film about Darin's life, "Beyond the Sea," Spacey did his own singing of Darin's greatest hits, including "Mack the Knife" and "Splish Splash."

"People that knew and worked with Bobby Darin didn't know the difference when he heard him sing," said co-star Kate Winslet.

Spacey ran into trouble with a different kind of splash — rainy Los Angeles streets. He was more than an hour late to Hollywood's Cinemas Dome for Thursday's premiere of the film, which opens nationwide Dec. 17.

Spacey later apologized to the theater audience and blamed his tardiness on rain and traffic.

"Californians don't know how to drive in the rain," he said.

Simpson lawsuit not pretty

Jessica Simpson has been sued by a California cosmetics company that claims it is still owed nearly \$200,000 for products it supplied for the "Dessert" beauty line the singer endorses.

In a lawsuit filed Oct. 21, Cosmojet claims Simpson and Dessert Beauty Inc. failed to pay the full \$1 million it was promised for products it made for the line. Cosmetic retailer Sephora was also named in the suit.

Simpson maintains she was simply a spokeswoman for Dessert and was not responsible for the company's accounting and billing procedures.

Russ Shinder, president of Dessert Beauty, acknowledged receiving almost \$1 million in products made by Cosmojet, but said his company refused payment on a portion of the shipment because it did not "meet the company's high product standards and specifications."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Country singer Dolly Parton launched her first full-blown tour in a decade last month in Greenville, S.C.

DOLLYWOOD:SHNS photo

Return to the road

After 10-year hiatus from touring, Dolly Parton finds crowds still flocking to watch her perform

BY TERRY MORROW

Scripps Howard News Service

The mystery woman with the red hair and green eyes who attended a Dolly Parton concert more than 35 years ago was in the right place at the right time to make musical history.

The woman in the audience intrigued Parton. After the show, when Parton signed autographs, she asked the fan for her name.

It was Jolene.

"I said 'I bet you were named after your dad. I bet his name was Joe.' She said, 'No. It's just Jolene.' I said, 'Well, that's the prettiest name I have ever heard.' I'd never heard a name like that before," Parton says.

"I told her that one of these days I'm going to write a song about a girl named Jolene. If you ever hear it, you'll know it's about you."

"I never did hear from her again."

"Jolene" went on to become Parton's first hit to cross over from country to pop. Parton tells the story when reflecting about her days on the road. For decades Parton traveled the world to sing her hits for fans.

She stopped touring 10 years ago, though she continued to perform exclusively in concert at her Hollywood theme park.

Those annual shows benefit her Dollywood Foundation, which supports educational projects across the country.

As for doing full-blown concert tours, Parton figured those were for younger or less-established artists. She didn't think she would miss it.

Then, last year she did a three-month, scaled-down tour to promote her "Halos & Horns" CD.

"I was really, really surprised because I had a good time," she says, "and the people wanted to see me. I had been gone from the road, for the most part, for 10 years."

"I wasn't being played on country radio. I didn't know I had so many fans left. I loved it. They loved it. So I decided

to go back on the road."

For this tour, scheduled to hit 30 cities through mid-December with more coming in 2005, Parton is pulling out the stops.

The "Hello, I'm Dolly" tour, which launched Oct. 14 in Greenville, S.C., is more than a retrospective of her career. It includes new material as well.

A 10-piece band covers everything from bluegrass to gospel to pop.

Parton also does costume changes on stage.

She enters wearing a replica of a Barbara Streisand dress from the movie "Hello, Dolly," and adds and subtracts from that costume throughout the show. She does an "imitation" of Streisand for the un-Streisand-like number "Cowboy Sweetheart."

Parton wants her stage show to reflect her diverse musical styles through the years. In another segment, "I climb up on a piano with a martini glass and holding a big, long cigarette," she says. "It's just fun, goofy stuff."

A puppet of Kenny Rogers is used to recreate hits he had with Parton.

And for the first time in concert, Parton plays the piano for "The Grass Is Blue" and other songs.

"I want to do things people haven't seen me do before," she says.

That includes her choice of songs, some of which have never been on her albums.

Parton covers "Blowing in the Wind," John Lennon's "Imagine" backed with a choir, "Me and Bobby

McGee" and "Hello God," a song that the artist formerly known as Cat Stevens wanted to record.

Many of the covers will appear on a new CD titled "Blue Smoke" that Parton is working on. Guests on the new CD will include Judy Collins.

The road, Parton says, can be an exciting place. It also can be where you rediscover yourself.

"I guess people are wanting to see me," she says. "After you get a certain age, you're called a legend. I guess. I'm a 'living legend,' they say. Well, to me, I just seem to be hanging in there."

"I wasn't being played on country radio. I didn't know I had so many fans left. I loved it. They loved it. So I decided to go back on the road."

Dolly Parton
Country singer



Simpson

WEDNESDAY EVENING / NOVEMBER 10, 2004

MOVIES

SPORTS

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6	AFN-P	HSPNews Headline News	The Partners' T's did trouble him by a band. (CC)	Arrested Development School play yrouns. (CC)	America's Next Top Model (CC)	Las Vegas "Sons and Lovers" A guest's wallet is snatched, a machine has an unusually high payout pattern. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)			
7	AFN-ATL	(1:45) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(3:38) Guiding Light (CC)	(1:17) General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			The Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries Headline News	Buzz Lightyear of Star Command Channel One	
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris Matthews	CNN Daybreak		The O'Reilly Factor		Good Morning America (CC)					
9	SPORTS	(4:50) Sports			•SportsCenter		•Sports					
10	SPEC	The Simpsons Lisa becomes a Butthead. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Ray's gift is traded. (CC)	Fear Factor Families compete; parents use their mouths to rescue worms from children. (CC)	Andromeda "Be All My Sins Remember" Bella receives news about an old friend and embarks on a quest.	Wolfram - The Myth and the Science	Friends Chicken- poo kills Phoebe's love life. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry seeks Chinese cheating gum.	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
11	AFN-HM	SpongeBob Rugrats (CC)	Ever Stevens	Kenan & Kel	Gilmore Girls (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	Degrassi: Next	Degrassi: Next	The Cosby Show	Home Improvements	Touched by an Angel (CC)		
12	ATM	(1:55) • Rent-A-Cop (1988, Drama) Bud MacLean, Lisa Minelli, James Rea. An ex-cop protects a prostitute being stalked by a killer. (R)			•• "The Chair" (1996, Horror) Robin Taylor, Michael Madson, Nicole Forester. A vampire in a 12-step program. (R)	(1:58) •• "The Masters" (1989) Robert Forster, John Cassidy, Paul Popovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forester. A vampire in a 12-step program. (R)	(1:58) •• "The Masters" (1989) Robert Forster, John Cassidy, Paul Popovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forester. A vampire in a 12-step program. (R)	(1:58) •• "The Masters" (1989) Robert Forster, John Cassidy, Paul Popovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forester. A vampire in a 12-step program. (R)	(1:58) •• "The Masters" (1989) Robert Forster, John Cassidy, Paul Popovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forester. A vampire in a 12-step program. (R)	(1:58) •• "The Masters" (1989) Robert Forster, John Cassidy, Paul Popovich, Michael Madson, Nicole Forester. A vampire in a 12-step program. (R)		
24	PBS	Dragon Tales Emily has trouble saying "No." (CC)	Zoom (DVS) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Secrets of the Dead Explorations for behavior once thought to be caused by witchcraft. (CC)	Great Performances premier. (N)	"Carnegie Hall Opening Night 2004" Philadelphia Orchestra concert. (N)			Charlie Rose Jay Z, Jay (CC)		
25	SHOW	(4:45) •• "Cavendish" (2004, Drama) Kira Sedgwick, Adam Quinlan, Christopher Fenn. A woman must mend her torn relationship with her daughters. (R)			•• "Gothic" (1986, Drama) Gabriel Byrne, Julian Savaria, Richardon. Premiers. Nightmarish events inspire Shelley's "Frankenstein." (R)					Strange A nurse is drawn to a former prisoner. (CC)		
26	A&E	TV Confidential Savannah: Terror in the Suburbs A family vanishes with no trace. (CC)			American Justice "Defending the Mob" Americans who gain notoriety defending mob bosses. (CC)					Crossing Jordan Jordan reunites with her high-school boyfriend during a murder probe. (CC)		
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TFC	TV Patrol International Edition (25) Wazup Wazup (CC)	(1:15) Yes, Yes Show			(1:45) Special Assignment	Morning Star	(1:15) Kumiting Kahon Ayon	(1:40) Mayang Tanghal Bayan	(1:45) SOC Reload		
30	CNN+	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
31	GOLF	•European PGA Golf Masters - Final Round, From Cologne, Germany.				•Golf Central Academy	•Golf Central Academy	•Golf Central Academy	•Golf Central Academy	•Golf Central Academy	•Golf Central Academy	
32	TLN	Clean Sweep An organizer is astounded by her sister's couple's office and bedroom. (CC)			In a Fix A home improvement expert doesn't have time to finish her own house. (N)							
34	TOON	Samurai Jack Dexter's Laboratory	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerful Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad		
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Zoo Matter" Sick others, thunders customer. (CC)	Most Extreme: Eaters (CC)		The Jeff Corwin Experience "The Big Bad Wolf" The North American gray wolf. (N)							
36	COM	Travel Sick "Thailand" Travel Sick "Thailand" Travel Sick "Thailand"	Crossroads Customer service. (CC)	The Daily Show Bob Odenkirk (CC)	Mad TV (CC)	•• "Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie" Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and others. (CC)	Family Party Chuck the body re- inventor. (CC)	Arline A two-day love showdown. (CC)	Biography "Rod Stewart" Entertainer Rod Stewart. (N)	Crossing Jordan Jordan reunites with her high-school boyfriend during a murder probe. (CC)		
40	NGC-A	Love Making in the Clouds	Operation Hot Pursuit	Snake Wranglers Papa Tapan. (CC)	Croc Chronicles "Jay Breakers"	Dogs With Wild Orphans Captive breeding programs. (CC)	•Adventure Challenge	Abdi's Story: Return to Africa				
41	FOX	The World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Jack Pilot" (CC) (DVS)
42	SPOKE	Remington Steele "Steele in the News" A popular newscasting team receives threats. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)	St. Elsewhere A pregnant mother of eight seeks revenge when her husband's vasectomy fails. (CC)
44	BET	106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live Jamie Foxx. (Live)	Access Granted T1-T2. (N)	Access Granted T1-T2. (N)	The Parkers (CC)	Girlfriends "Bad Timing" (CC)	Coming to the Stage	Club Comic View Tunes, Todd Rex.	BET Nightly News	Access Granted T1-T2. (N)		
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "I Have a Dream" Sonen- son's acquaintance with a drug dealer works in his favor. (CC)	Cops (CC)	Cops Dinner guests find their dinner. (CC)	The Investigators "Trail of Deceit" A missing woman's husband is found dead. (CC)	Forensic Files "Print of Origin" A forensic investigator. (CC)	Forensic Files "Print of Origin" A forensic investigator. (CC)	Forensic Files "Print of Origin" A forensic investigator. (CC)	Forensic Files "Print of Origin" A forensic investigator. (CC)	Forensic Files "Print of Origin" A forensic investigator. (CC)	Forensic Files "Print of Origin" A forensic investigator. (CC)	Forensic Files "Print of Origin" A forensic investigator. (CC)
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus	Friends (CC)	Ed (CC)	Ed (CC)	Ed (CC)	Ed (CC)	Ed (CC)	Ed (CC)	Ed (CC)	Ed (CC)
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls Rose takes on "Sisters" Sophia's polar views. (CC)	Cries Underneath "The Donna Yaklich Story" (1994, Drama) Jaclyn Smith, Brad Johnson, David Lauscher. A woman conspires to kill her abusive husband. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.	•• "Peltergeist" (1986, Horror) John Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke. Once again, the Freeling's experience otherworldly attacks.
51	ABCAM	Thirteen "Angels" America's play in the wake of her father's death becomes controversial. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)
53	HIST	Haunted History "San Antonio" The ghost of Salie White and an actress reunite San Antonio. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)	Smallville "Dance" When Clark runs for class president, his running mates are classmates. (CC)
57	STR-WLD	(5:40) Movie										
58	ADV 1	(5:30) The Jungle Navy	•X Power	Bhutan Kaysing 2	•Adventure Planet	Headhunters of the Amazon	Camel Crazy	The Jungle Navy	Next Wave Miming presents for new medicines.	•Adventure Planet		
59	MTV	The Real World Community service project. (CC)	The Real World Melanie seeks new friends. (CC)	Direct Effect	Hard Rock Live Sum 41. (N)	Choose or Lose: Questions for George Bush	Real World - Root Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World - Root Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Made (N)	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County
60	NICK	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Julie Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants

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Coke confiscations

FL KEY WEST — More than 37 tons of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$2.3 billion, were confiscated during five seizures at sea this fall, the Coast Guard said.

The cocaine, seized between Aug. 21 and Sept. 26, was being hauled off a Navy frigate Friday.

The largest cocaine discovery in the history of Coast Guard's East Coast operations was made Sept. 17, when a detachment from the frigate the USS Curtis found 15 tons of the drug on a fishing vessel about 300 miles west of the Galapagos Islands.

Thirty-one people arrested face prosecution in federal court in Tampa.

Governor pays up

RI PROVIDENCE — Former Gov. Bruce Sundlun has obeyed a court order and paid \$33,114 owed to one of his ex-wives.

Sundlun was found in contempt of court on Oct. 18 for failing to make the payment to Joyanne Sundlun, who lives in Washington. He was given a day to send the money, which cover health insurance, nursing home insurance, medical copayments and dental expenses between June 2001 and July 2004. Sundlun was governor from 1991 to 1995. He was married to Joyanne Sundlun from 1974 to 1985. The 84-year-old Sundlun has been married to his fifth wife, Susan Dittelman, since 2000. Joyanne Sundlun told *The Providence Journal* the court tussle was "more of the same."

Dam effective

TN KNOXVILLE — The Tennessee Valley Authority calculated Friday that its efforts to control flooding this year along the Tennessee River system spared residents and businesses about \$12 million in damage.

"These are not particularly high numbers," said Morgan Goranoff, TVA's manager of river scheduling.

He noted that TVA averages \$187 million a year in averted flooding costs. However, the potential losses this year would have been fairly concentrated.

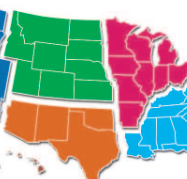
School at fault?

MT HELENA — The parents of two 11-year-old boys whose frozen bodies were found in a snowy field after they skipped class and guzzled vodka have sued the school district for \$4 million.

The wrongful death lawsuit claims the Roman School District failed to protect Justin Benoist and Frankie Nicola III and did not hire enough American Indian staff members, who would be "sympathetic to the problem of alcoholism and alcohol abuse prevention."

Justin and Frankie went missing Feb. 27 after they skipped afternoon classes. A friend found their bodies three days later.

Frankie, whose blood alcohol level was 0.50 percent, died of alcohol poisoning, while Justin died of a combination of alcohol poisoning and hypothermia. The boys were



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members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Justin's 14-year-old brother, Tyler, was found dead of smoke inhalation in a burned trailer last November. Authorities said he passed out from drinking and had a blood alcohol level more than twice the legal limit for driving.

Initiative confuses many

AZ PHOENIX — Immigrant parents have been flooding Hispanic community leaders with calls, wondering if an Arizona ballot issue approved by voters last week means they should keep their children in school or avoid going out, Latino leaders said.

Proposition 200 requires proof of citizenship when seeking public benefits or when registering to vote. Government employees are required to report suspected undocumented immigrants seeking public benefits.

Phoenix-area Head Start leaders said attendance dropped dramatically Wednesday as worried parents kept their children home from the federally funded preschool program. In one classroom, only two children showed up instead of the usual 20.

Pension dispute

MA LANCASTER — Supporters of a widow whose fire-



Closing down shop

Barber Don Brehmer outfits a mounted deer head with a chair cloth before closing up shop at Graver Barbers in downtown Fargo, N.D. Brehmer and his son, Joel, close their shop early to hunt white tail deer near Cooperstown, N.D.

fighter husband was killed on duty last November vowed not to give up efforts to gain a lifetime pension for the woman after voters rejected a referendum to pay for the family's death benefits.

A town referendum on whether to give Claire McNamara a \$650,000 pension and health benefits fell short by 18 votes in Tuesday's election. There was still a chance that the proposal could still pass, because of 35 provisional ballots that remained to be counted.

"Our son lost his life serving a community, and a large number of people in our community voted not to give benefits to his wife and children," said Martin McNamara, the father of fallen firefighter Martin McNamara. "I'm disappointed."

Because the proposed Lancaster benefit would have required a one-year 7 percent property tax hike, residents had to approve the increase, as voters statewide must do anytime a town wants to raise property taxes more than 2.5 percent. Lancaster, in the central part of the state, has a population of about 7,000.

Gator stabbing

FL SARASOTA — A fisherman was cited for killing an alligator nicknamed Elvis who lived in a golf course community's pond. The man said he stabbed the reptile in self-defense.

Rick Allen Burns, 49, faces up to 60 days in jail and a fine if convicted on a misdemeanor charge of possession of an alligator without a permit.

Five-foot-long Elvis was found dying in October with a hunting knife in its head. A \$1,000 reward for information was posted and an anonymous tip led to Burns, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said Friday.

N.J. tries to honor dirt

NJ TRENTON — It may be the Garden State, but what about the garden soil? The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved a bill to designate Downer Soil — a grayish-brown loamy sand found mostly in the southern half of New Jersey — as the official state soil.

The measure now goes to the full Assembly, and if it's eventually signed into law, Downer Soil will enjoy lofty status like the square dance, the honeybee and the brook trout.

Vandals wreck GOP HQ

NC RALEIGH — An apparent mob of vandals attacked the North Carolina Republican Party headquarters, causing minor smoke damage, breaking windows and leaving vulgar messages, police said.

Three people were arrested. In addition to the damage, the vandals left a burned effigy depicting President Bush and Sen. John Kerry, police said.

The officers found several spent fireworks, poster boards with slogans and spray-painted expletives on the walls. At least two windows were broken and police said it appeared that the vandals tried to put incendiary devices inside the building.



A different kind of beauty Doug Maze competes for the fictitious Miss Glamorous title, during his portrayal of Ruth Ann Ruth, the platinum blonde, fire-breather-turned Miss Bible Belt in the musical comedy "Pageant," in Decatur, Ind.



Waiting to break out Three dogs look out from a mobile home window in "Sammieville," a tiny enclave of trailers, outbuildings, and other small dwellings located in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon outside the town of Elgin.



Doin' it cowboy style Modern-day cowboy Tom Ward does a Texas skip while showing rope tricks to Monroe Elementary School students on the school playground in Enid, Okla.



Leaf jumpers Ben Herman, 14, left, Harry Swan, 14, center, and Rippy Swan, 12, leap off the top of Brunswick, Maine's municipal leaf pile.



Abnormal sighting A visitor to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle, Ind., takes a photo of a giant basketball shoe outside the museum.



Hang on! Lidia Hernandez, 15, gets temporarily stuck in the crook of a tree as she attempts to look a segment of snake light around a branch. The light string later was wound around the base of the tree by fellow volunteers at the Racine, Wis., zoo.



Tree bucking Chuck Rhoads of Haggard Hauling and Rigging looked like he was riding a bucking bronco as he and workers with Ram Trucking and Kessinger-Hunter prepared to lift the Mayor's Christmas Tree from its trailer at Crown Center Square in Kansas City, Mo.

Anthony gets her day

NY ALBANY — New York state has declared an annual day of commemoration for Susan B. Anthony, the women's rights pioneer who fought for the right to vote.

Susan B. Anthony Day will be Feb. 15 each year. The bill was signed into law with other measures announced Friday.

Anthony's efforts led to the 19th Amendment in 1920, which granted women the right to vote 100 years after Anthony was born.

Lotto line causes loss

TN City Commissioner Charles Moton of Clarksville, Miss., says he threw away a \$213 million-winning Powerball ticket earlier this year after the Tennessee lottery's telephone voice recording gave him the wrong winning numbers.

Now he wants something to show for it. In a lawsuit filed against the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation, Moton claims he called the lottery's toll-free number, listened to the winning numbers and then "failed to secure" the tickets, thinking he had won.

Moton says he bought more tickets several days later, including manually selecting a replay of the May 8 Quick Pick ticket. He says he checked the recording later that night and learned the ticket was a jackpot winner — for the previous drawing.

Smoking crackdown

VT WINOOSKI — The City Council is considering extending the new ban on smoking in bars to private clubs.

City voters approved by almost two to one a smoking ban that was approved by city officials earlier this year.

Letters will go out to city bars this week, notifying them the ban took effect immediately, said city attorney William O'Brien.

The ban on smoking in taverns does not include private clubs such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Loyal Order of Moose.

That could change, as City Councilors are considering extending the ban to the private clubs.

Explosives conviction

IL ROCKFORD — A man who amassed explosives and made a list of public figures who were "marked to die" because of their liberal and antigay stances was convicted in federal court.

A federal jury found 20-year-old Michael Breit guilty of illegally receiving explosives and illegally receiving explosive materials with intent to kill, injure, intimidate people or damage property.

Breit was charged in April after he accidentally fired an AK-47 assault rifle in his apartment in Rockford, about 80 miles northwest of Chicago.

Police searching his apartment found weapons and incriminating notes, including a list of public figures with the word "marked" next to their names. Breit had told investigators "marked" meant "marked to die" for liberal or antigay views.

Texts define marriage

TX AUSTIN — The Texas Board of Education ap-

proved new health textbooks after the publishers gave in to last-minute pressure from some board members to define marriage as a "lifelong union" between a man and woman.

The decision, which involves two of the biggest textbook publishers, is an example of Texas exerting its clout as the nation's second-largest buyer of textbooks. Officials say the decision could affect hundreds of thousands of books in Texas alone.

Board member Terri Leo, a Republican, said she was pleased with the publishers' changes. She led the effort to get the publishers to change the texts, objecting to what she called "asexual stealth phrases" such as "individuals who marry."

Leo charged that the proposed new books for the state's middle schools and high schools ran counter to a Texas law banning the recognition of gay civil unions because the texts used terms like "married partners" instead of "husband and wife."

Doctor gives old flu shots

WA BELLINGHAM — The state's top medical quality board has accused a physician of giving outdated flu vaccine to 55 patients.

Dr. Gary McCallum used a batch of last year's vaccine, according to the state's Medical Quality Assurance Commission, which licenses physicians and other medical professionals. The board charged him with unprofessional conduct, specifically fraud and misrepresentation.

McCallum told patients the vaccine, purchased last year in Canada, was good for the current flu season even though its expiration date was in July, state Health Department spokesman Tim Church said.

Girl caught with crack

FL ORLANDO — A 6-year-old girl brought more than \$1,000 worth of crack to school, and her mother claimed the child must have gotten it while trick-or-treating.

The first-grader was suspended from Tangle Park Elementary. Her mother is under investigation.

School officials sent a letter home to parents, explaining how an anti-drug campaign led another student to recognize the more than a dozen pieces of crack.

Charges in school crash

MA WOBURN — A 65-year-old man has been charged with a misdemeanor after his car hopped the curb outside an elementary school last month, pinning children and adults against a concrete wall and injuring 12 people, authorities said.

Enrico V. Caruso pleaded innocent to negligent operation of a motor vehicle. The charge carries a maximum penalty of two years in jail and a \$200 fine.

Caruso told police that his car sped up for no reason, and he was unable to stop it, according to the documents. But Caruso's grandson, Christian Caruso, said his grandfather's prosthetic leg got stuck on the accelerator as he reached for his cane.

Stories and photos from wire services

OPINION

Team Bush got its use out of ‘moral values’

BY JONATHAN CHAIT

Dear rural/exurban Christian conservative voters: Congratulations on your election victory. By going to the polls in unprecedented numbers Nov. 2, you overwhelmed an enormous Democratic turnout and returned President Bush to office, along with a number of very conservative senators. Now Bush is preparing to repay your efforts by moving immediately on your highest priorities: a flat tax and privatizing Social Security.

Oh, wait. You didn't particularly hanker for those things, did you? The election is so far in the past now that it has receded into a hazy memory. But as I recall, you voted for Bush because of his position on one issue—he opposes gay marriage—and on the general principle that he is a godly man who shares your values. Now Bush has decided, conveniently enough, that those values are identical to those of his wealthy financiers.

Bush is claiming the election as a mandate. There are, however, a couple of ways to interpret that. The conventional meaning is that a candidate gained office by promising to do a certain thing. Ronald Reagan in 1980 had a mandate to cut taxes and bolster the military.

Bill Clinton in 1992 had a mandate to raise taxes on the rich, expand health care, reform welfare. Those were the central promises of the two campaigns.

Bush uses the word somewhat differently. As he told reporters Thursday, "I earned capital in the campaign — political capital — and now I intend to spend it."

What that means is that all you small-town folk voted for him not to pursue an agenda but just because he embodies family values. That gives him political power that he can

use for purposes utterly unrelated to the source of his popularity. Sure, Bush mentioned some of these purposes in the campaign. But the references tended to be perfunctory and in code. Start with taxes.

Though Bush talks about tax "simplification," he doesn't seriously believe it. He has littered the tax code with complicated new provisions, including a ludicrous corporate tax bill stuffed with special provisions for sausage producers, foreign dog-race gamblers and the like. Simplification really means making the tax code flatter — i.e. less progressive. He doesn't care about making taxes simpler; he just wants rich people to pay a smaller share of them. There's little evidence to suggest small-town Ohioans flocked to the polls so they could have a portion of George Soros' tax burden shifted onto themselves.

On Social Security, Bush was just as evasive. Here, again, the tiny minority of people who closely follow this understood his code words.

charge that he favored privatization or benefit-cutting as a "false, baseless attack."

Here's what Bush said Thursday: "I had asked [Daniel Patrick Moynihan], prior to his passing, to chair a committee of notable Americans to come up with some ideas on Social Security, and they did so. And it's a good place for members of Congress to start."

Got that? Last week, if you had described

riage, the one mandate Bush might legitimately claim? Earlier this year, Bush barely lifted a finger in support of a constitutional amendment banning it. (Compare this to the furious arm-twisting he performs to get moderates to back his tax cuts.) If he has a mandate to do anything, it's to bring up the amendment again. However, he's said nothing about doing so, and nobody expects him to.

No surprise there — it's hardly in the Republican Party's interest. If gay marriage is banned everywhere, what's going to bring all those heartland conservatives to the polls next time?

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Today's officeholders put stat sheets over progress

BY B. JAY COOPER

WASHINGTON
Where have you gone, Tip
O'Neill? On for that matter, Bob

W O'Neill: Or for that matter, Bob Michel, Mike Mansfield, Bob Dole, Howard Baker and George Mitchell? In your day, we could depend on the leaders of our two major parties

pend on the leaders of both two major parties in the Congress to do what was — at least, most of the time — best for the majority of Americans and their families. You'd have your rhetorical and ideological battles. Sure, we needed that. But, when you had to, you worked out your differences and came to a compromise that didn't give either side the whole loaf, but allowed everyone to come away with a few slices.

Democrats or Republicans couldn't claim a clear victory, but the American people normally could.

What happened to those days? Now, with the 2004 election over we're probably right back where we started from. There'll be a honeymoon period in name but not in reality. The president will announce his 100-day plan and the senators and congressmen will applaud his State of the Union. And, 101 days from the inauguration, if not sooner, we'll be back into a polarized situation with rhetoric winning over governance.

The media will want a winner or a loser, not a gray area, and contribute unwittingly to the polarization that their editorial pages will then heatedly demand be ended immediately. And we will get little progress on the major issues of the day.

Remember when a congressman from a small state all of a sudden would appear in a national news story brokering a resolution to a complicated problem? When's the last time you read a story like that? Now it's too the

party line or don't get that choice committee assignment; or preferred redistricting; or the vitally needed visit by top party leaders to raise money.

We've got a bunch of men and women we elect who would rather look good losing than compromising and moving an issue down the road.

This isn't to say that today's leaders aren't smart, well-intentioned folks with some good ideas. But when it comes time to get the job done the process hits a wall.

Ronald Reagan stood strong in his beliefs. Everyone knew what his principles were and where he wanted to take the country. But he didn't take his ball and go home when

way" kind of guy. But the record doesn't show that.

The record shows that Congress passed major — even landmark — legislation in his two terms. There was griping, sure — that's

lywood types can gain the spotlight at key times to push their agendas. After all, they can raise a lot of money and grab a lot of headlines and then just as easily fade back into their movie roles and concert tours. ...

But where are the men and women who close a deal and remember that one key rule of negotiations is trying not to make the other person look bad even if they aren't getting everything they want? Both sides could walk out of the conference room with dignity and something for their constituencies.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Sweeps Weeks on the Outdoor Life Network...

YEAH, THERE'S NOTHIN' LIKE
LIGHT TACKLE AND TOP-WATER PLUGS
WHEN THE COMPLETELY NAKED
BASS ARE
RUNNIN'....

TINSEL 11-10

Horoscope

A formation involving the moon, Mars and Saturn emphasizes power struggles and catnip, as is the women's team of "The Appenices." Mars transits into Scorpio, and strong leadership is needed, so if you don't mind being momentarily unpopular, take charge. Issues of love and money are intertwined with our notions of what we deserve.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 10.) You'll love the changes of this winding road of a year.

Some of you will switch careers early in 2005. Others will have a change of marital status. Your biggest change, however, will be on the inside. Your spirituality will deepen as you come to know your self much better this year. By your next birthday, you will feel like you've been reborn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're in the mood for love or at least a really hot date. If there's someone you want to ask out, do it before the sun goes down, and then, let the night work its magic. You may find it hard to concentrate at the office.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're feeling lazy, don't be too hard on yourself. Even charging bills like you need their downtime. Get over the hump by focusing on light tasks, such as making phone calls, reading research materials, and filing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your negotiating skills will be called into play. A co-worker or client may be backing away from a deal, and it's up to you to draw him or her out. Renew interest by reviewing all your project's selling points.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Tie up loose ends. If you've been avoiding something that's making you unhappy at the office, face it instead of disappearing into your shell. Try writing in a notebook. On the page, you'll be able to see a solution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your charisma and success attract all

kinds of people into your life. Most of them are good for you. But there are others who are weak or jealous who will cling to you for dear life. Choose your friends wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Regarding a pet project you've been slaving over for weeks (or years), it's time for you to relinquish control. Send your baby into the world. There's only so far you can go on your own, but with the right team, you're unstoppable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

A stressful situation finally eases up as the focus shifts from you to someone else, probably a spouse. Take a deep breath, and let it all go. By tomorrow, whatever was bothering you will be just a memory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You're probably already feeling the effects of your ruling planet, Mars, giving you sign a nudge. Could you be any happier? You are positively electric and more than a little bit restless for the fun to begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Pivotal events in your early life made you who you are. You may suddenly find yourself wondering whatever happened to your best friend from grade school. Let go of any lingering fears or resentment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

There is a definite image you have of yourself that you want to get across. It's nice to look important, but it's more important to be nice. It's what's inside that counts, after all. Don't be afraid to show the world the real you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Put aside any worries you have concerning politics or religion. You can always worry later about the Middle East or feel over the fact that your candidate for president didn't win. Focus on who your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Nobody is more attuned to the dwindling energies of another lunar cycle winding down than you, the last sign of the zodiac. You need plenty of rest so your body and mind can regenerate. Go ahead—ask for a little "me" time.

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Holiday Mathis



Calvin and Hobbes

PROOF: MOM AND DAD LEFT. NOW WE'RE HERE ALONE WITH THE BABY-SITTER FROM THE BLACK LAGOON.

SEE, HEB? DO YOU THINK SHE REMEMBERS HOW LAST TIME WE TALKED ABOUT FLUSHING HER SCIENCE NOTES DOWN THE TOILET?

OK, YOU GET IN BED. WHAT? IT'S NOT EVEN 5:30.

SHE REMEMBERS. ALL RIGHT! SHE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS. WE'LL CALL THE POLICE. SOUND.

Jump Start

That doll of yours kept me up all night!

I forgot to warn you...

'Babyneedsaki' has a lunar battery, she works best at night.

we were the same way when we were babies!

you guys deserve way more credit than I thought.

Zits

WOW! AN ELEVEN O'CLOCK CURFEW?

PERCE, WHAT TIME IS YOUR CURFEW?

OH, FROM NOW ON, YOUR CURFEW IS TEN-THIRTY.

IF I HESITATE, YOU'D START CRYING AND WEEP BEFORE DIVING IN THE ROCK.

Cathy

WEDDING COUNTDOWN!

PROVER: ROMANS REMIND: ROMANS REMIND: WHO WENT TO A WEDDING IN THE LAST DECADE.

"FUTURE MINDS: BEHOLD! DON'T ANDER THE TRAIL—A BROWN ZINE, OR BE IN THE SAME OLD FOR A "BROWN SAND!"

MOTHER'S EXPERIENCES INPUT OVERLOAD. DON'T USE SUBTLETIES! BACK!

Hi and Lois

HEY! THERE'S THE MAN IN THE MOON!

I WONDER IF HE'S EVER MET SUNBEAM?

PROBABLY NOT, HE'S SUCH A NIGHT PERSON.

Beetle Bailey

WE'LL CALL IT THE "ARMY SECURITY SYSTEM."

WON'T DO.

WHY NOT?

BAD ACRONYM.

Red and Rover

ROVER, WAAHNA PUN CATCH? OK, MUM, ABOUT TAG!!! HIDE AND SEEK!!!

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

I'M WAITING FOR MY FAVORITE DOG FOOD COMMERCIALS TO COME ON.

OK, BUT IT MIGHT HELP TO HAVE THE TV SET ON TOO.

Better or Worse

SHOULD I GO AND GET MERRIDITH? NOT YET DAD! I'M NOT TRAINED YET! FIRST!

WHAT'S TO ORGANIZE? YOU HAVE NO SPACE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO PUT A NEW BABY-REBORN?

AND FOR HOW LONG? MONTHS! ADO, I SAID "GET MERRIDITH IN THE HOUSE!" I SAID WOULD HELP I SAID YOU WOULD HAVE CLOSE TO 10.

WELL, SEE? I WANT YOU TO GIVE SOMETHING!

Peanuts



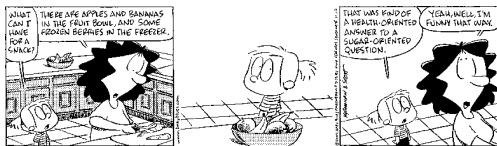
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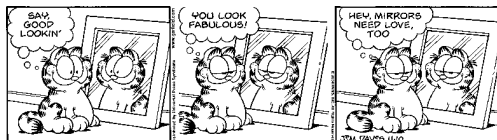
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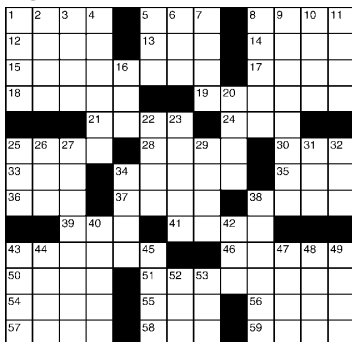
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Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

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- 5 Sternward
- 8 Blue hue
- 12 Tramp
- 13 Mal de —
- 14 Island
- 15 entertainment
- 16 Praise highly
- 17 A Beverly Hillbilly
- 18 Where the action is
- 19 Exit
- 21 Writer Wiesel
- 24 Islet
- 25 Vendetta
- 26 Office shape
- 30 What "little lams eat"
- 33 Under the weather
- 34 "The Seven Year Itch" actor
- 35 Conk out
- 36 Ostrich's kin
- 37 Rid of rind
- 38 Honey bunch?
- 39 Roman poker deck
- 41 Once around the sun
- 43 Grab
- 46 As luck — have it
- 50 Lug
- 51 "Just be patient"
- 54 The same (Lat.)
- 55 — Miniver
- 56 Put — writing
- 57 Cincinnati team

Down

- 1 Queens field
- 2 Session with a shrink
- 3 Competent
- 4 Day-dreamed
- 5 Chartres chum
- 6 Tasseled topper
- 7 Genealogy chart
- 8 "SNL" alumna
- 9 Late-December period
- 10 — fair in ...
- 11 Ayes' cancelers
- 16 Guy's date
- 20 Chutzpah
- 22 Davenport setting
- 23 — so often
- 25 "For shame!"
- 26 Shade source
- 27 Wailed
- 28 Sheltered
- 31 Complete
- 32 "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
- 34 Grand-scale tale
- 38 Actor James
- 40 Particulars
- 42 Piercing tool
- 43 Commotion
- 44 Proterubance
- 45 Paean
- 47 Davis Cup org.
- 48 Kausal keepsakes
- 49 Fender border
- 52 Pac. NW state
- 53 Work with

Answer to Previous Puzzle



11-10 CRYPTOQUIP

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 IZHI KCOS KIARRC HBS
 FOHKIJY RZCKJ IZJ BHQJ

M H O O Q H Y I ?
 Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF THE STATUE OF VENUS DE MILO IS REPAIRED, I SUPPOSE THAT'LL INVOLVE RE-ARMAMENT.
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: R equals C

Perfect time to contact troops

Dear Abby: My name is Crystal and I am 24 years old.

For some time now, I have wanted to send letters to our troops overseas to express how much the citizens of this country appreciate and respect them and their families.

They sacrifice so much to keep our country. I would like the privilege of telling them we care about them, as well as the chance to make some new friends.

With the holidays quickly approaching, I believe it is even more important to show that we care. Could you please let me and your other readers know of a lar mail to make all of this possible? I would also like to remind everyone that as we all busy with cooking and shopping for the holidays, we should take some time to let our brave members of the military know we

care for them and their families. God bless everyone in the world!

— Appreciative in San Jose
Dear Appreciative: Your sentiments are beautiful, and I can't think of a better time to express them than today — Veterans Day — and also the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare, our Department of Defense suspended the Operation Dear Abby mail program. The DOD believed that mail made it too easy for terrorists to send bombs and/or other harmful agents to the military.

On Dec. 20, 2001, the Department of Defense and Dear Abby partnered to launch an official DOD Web site so that messages of support could be safely sent to our troops.

Dear Abby



Being too skinny a big problem

Dear Annie: I love your column. The reason I am writing is to ask for weight advice, but to not lose weight, but to gain weight.

I am a 21-year-old male, and I've been skinny for as long as I can remember. I can eat anything I want and never gain a pound. While others see this as a blessing, it is a curse for me. I have been told my metabolism is just fast, and eventually it will all catch up to me.

I hope so. I've tried weight-building nutritional drinks and the like, but have had no success.

— Texas T

Dear Texas: In order to gain weight, a person must take in more calories than he expends. First, ask your doctor to check your thyroid. There could be a physiological reason for the problem.

Assuming your health is fine, ask the doctor for a referral to a dietitian who can help you eat a more calorie-rich diet. Keep in

Annie's Mailbox



mind, you are still young and your metabolism is likely to slow down over time. It will not be in your best interest to develop bad habits now.

If you start eating potato chips and cookies while lounging on the sofa, you'll regret it.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently bought a business, and I'm totally swamped helping him run it. Because I'm at the office so often, the housework is sacrificed. I feel so weighed down with all the responsibility. I also feel stretched and squeezed between the two places.

I am trying to be a good housewife and mother, but when I get home from the office, I'm too tired to do anything. Even if it gets halfway done, it's a mess again the next day. We're not the most organized people in the world, and we have so much stuff, I don't know where to put it all. Money is too tight to hire someone to help. I know they say, "A woman's work

is never done," but this is ridiculous. Do you have any insights for me?

— Stuck in the Middle
Dear Stuck: Woman's work!! The feminist fur is flying a bit over here, but we'll try to help. Your husband should be assisting with the housework. If you have children, enlist their efforts as well. There's no reason you must have two jobs while everyone else has one.

Make a list of what absolutely needs to be done (don't go overboard) and who does what. Post the list where everyone can see it.

Some things need only be done once a week. Save the more time-consuming stuff for the weekends. Many of our readers have recommended the Web site www.flylady.net for hints on becoming better organized. Check it out, and good luck.

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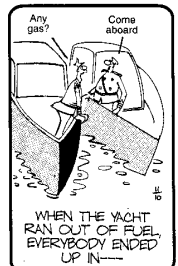
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Answer: THE

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHEAF LEECH MODISH COWARD
Answer: What the bartender said when he shared his exotic drink recipe: "HERE'S HOW"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



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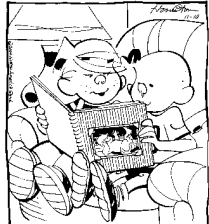
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Utah loses critical spot in BCS ranks

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

Utah slipped one spot to seventh in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday, a drop that could cost the unbeaten Utes a berth in one of the four big-money bowl games.

The top five in the BCS stayed the same, with Southern California, Oklahoma and Auburn leading the way, followed by California and Wisconsin.

The first- and second-place teams in the final standings will play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 for the BCS national title.

Utah is trying to become the first team from a non-BCS conference (Mountain West) to play in a BCS game. The Utes can guarantee a spot in what probably would be the Fiesta Bowl — which delivers a payout of about \$14 million — by finishing in the top six. A top-12 finish makes the Utes eligible for consideration, but guarantees nothing.

Texas jumped over Utah this week to take sixth place.

The Longhorns' 56-35 comeback victory over Oklahoma State

on Saturday boosted its BCS grade to 7904. Utah's grade (7511) went up slightly after another lopsided victory — 63-31 over Colorado State — Utah maintained its position in both The Associated Press Top 25 (seventh) and coaches poll (eighth) this week, but the Utes dropped in the computer rankings from sixth to eighth, while the Longhorns moved up to No. 5 in that category.

The AP media poll and ESPN/USA Today poll each account for one-third of a team's BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings make up the other third of a team's grade.

Utah is one of six unbeaten teams in Division I, along with USC, Oklahoma, Auburn, Wisconsin and Boise State.

The Sooners increased their lead on the idle Tigers by moving into the No. 1 spot in the computer rankings.

USC, No. 1 in both polls and second in the computer rankings, has a grade of 9847. Oklahoma's grade is 9654, and Auburn is 9097. The Tigers are third in each poll and according to the computers.

A's Crosby, Pirates' Bay selected rookies of year

From wire reports

NEW YORK — Oakland Athletics shortstop Bobby Crosby was just a vote shy of being a unanimous pick for AL Rookie of the Year, and Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Jason Bay won the NL award Monday.

Crosby received 27 of 28 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America for 138 points. Chicago White Sox closer Shingo Takatsu received the other first-place vote and finished second with 44 points, followed by Baltimore pitcher Daniel Cabrera with 29 points.

Bay, the first Pittsburgh player and first native Canadian to win the NL award, got 25 of 32 first-place votes and 146 points.

San Diego shortstop Khalil Greene received seven first-place votes, 24 seconds and one third for 108 points, and Padres reliever Akinori Otsuka was next with 23 points.

Crosby, 24, hit .239 with 22 homers and 64 RBIs. He led AL rookies in hits (130), doubles (34) and walks (58), and was third among all AL players with 4.17 pitches per plate appearance.

Bay hit .282 with 26 homers and 82 RBIs. The 26-year-old from British Columbia had the most homers by an NL rookie since Albert Pujols hit 37 three years ago.

Utah State fires Denney

LOGAN, Utah — Utah State fired football coach Mick Denney after a five-game losing streak dropped the Aggies' record to 2-7.

Denney and athletic director Randy Spetman met Sunday, a day after a 52-25 loss to Louisiana-Monroe, and Spetman told the coach he was being fired.

Pelphs charged with DUI

SALISBURY, Md. — Six-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps was arrested last week and charged with drunken driving.

A trooper saw the 19-year-old swimming sensation go through a stop sign Thursday night, state police said. The trooper saw signs of intoxication and arrested Phelps for driving under the influence, police said.

Phelps also was charged with violation of a license restriction and failure to obey a stop sign.

The swimmer won eight medals during the Athens Olympics, including six golds.

Danton sentenced to prison

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — Former St. Louis Blues player Mike Danton was sentenced Monday to 7½ years in prison for trying to have his agent killed.

Danton pleaded guilty in July to murder conspiracy charges.

Prosecutors said he tried to hire a hit man to kill David Frost. Authorities said Danton and Frost had argued over Danton's alleged promiscuity and alcohol use, and Danton feared Frost would tell the Blues' front office.



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Easy ways to slim down the traditional holiday feast

By DeCa Europe Consumer Advocate Kay Blakey

Are you among the millions of Americans who have developed a close and personal relationship with their bathroom scales after repeatedly hearing how overweight we've all become? Are you beginning to view the upcoming holidays, and all those delicious traditional dishes that go with them, as a beast rather than a feast? Then take heart, and read on for a few ways to lower the calorie content, but preserve the great tastes that are such an important part of American holiday meals.

Keep turkey as the centerpiece of your holiday table. It is a low-fat, high-protein, nutrient-dense food that can be a real bargain both in calories and in cost. At 59 to 96 cents per pound for a whole bone-in turkey, it's one of your commissary's best buys of the season. As long as you choose carefully, it's a great buy for calories spent, as well. A three-ounce serving of boneless, skinless turkey breast contains only about 120 calories, while a serving of dark meat turkey runs in the neighborhood of 160 calories. For the lowest calorie count, choose either a fresh or frozen turkey that is not pre-basted (the basting solution can add a considerable number of calories) and be sure to check the Nutrition Facts Label on the package before making your final selection. Choices vary widely, and as with the basting solu-

tion mentioned above, additions and enhancements made to the product can change the calorie count dramatically. Remove the skin and all visible fat from the turkey before serving.

Would it surprise you to know that some of the traditional side dishes like dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, candied sweet potatoes, and that yummy green bean casserole topped with French fried onions weigh in at between 200 to 300 calories per serving? Unbelievable, isn't it? That's about the same number of calories contained in the pumpkin pie with whipped cream we simply must have for dessert! As a matter of fact, it's fairly easy to pack over 2,000 calories (nearly a whole day's requirement for most people) into this one holiday meal. Take a look at the recipes below and decide if one or more of your dishes could be replaced with a lower calorie version.

The choice is yours. If you love the traditional foods just the way you've always made them, then go for it, and enjoy without guilt. Remember that it takes an extra 3,500 calories above what you expend to put one pound of weight on your frame. So, get out your calculator and figure out how you'll have to trim consumption in the days ahead to make up for this one glorious meal. Whichever choice you make, trust your good neighbors at the commissary to bring

you all the holiday ingredients you'll need at the best price around, and deliver it all with a famous DeCa smile!

Light and Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Servings: 8

Calories per serving: 90

- 5 medium potatoes (2 ½ pounds) peeled and cut into quarters
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon dried onion flakes
- 1 package (3 tablespoons) butter buds
- ½ cup nonfat milk powder
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder

Place peeled potatoes in a large pot and cover with water. Cover and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes until potatoes are tender. Drain, reserving ½ cup cooking liquid. Mash potatoes with a potato masher. Add hot reserved cooking liquid and remaining ingredients, mash until tender.

Green Beans with Mushrooms

Servings: 6

Calories per serving: 50

- 2 pounds fresh green beans
- 4 to 5 teaspoons water
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, quartered
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons olive oil

Bring 4 to 5 teaspoons water to a boil in a small frying pan. Add green beans, lower heat to medium and cover. When green beans are fork-tender, take off heat and drain. In another fry pan, sauté garlic and mushrooms in the olive oil for about 5 to 7 minutes. Add to green beans, toss well and serve.

Individual Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Topping

Servings: 8

Calories per serving: 146

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ cup liquid egg substitute or 8 egg whites
- 12 ounces evaporated skim milk
- 1 cup low-fat frozen topping

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Stir with a spoon or whisk until well combined. Spray 8 small custard cups with cooking spray, and divide mixture evenly among cups. Place cups on a baking sheet, and bake in a preheated 350°F oven for about 20 minutes, or until knife inserted into middle comes out clean.

Cool until slightly warm. Top each cup with 2 tablespoons whipped topping, and serve.

Perfect: McNabb gets earful from Owens

PERFECT, FROM BACK PAGE

No wonder Owens was screaming instead of strutting a week after celebrating a touchdown by imitating Baltimore Ravens star Ray Lewis' pregame dance. Owens, coming off five consecutive 100-yard games, didn't catch his first pass until Pittsburgh led 21-0 and could be seen yelling at quarterback Donovan McNabb on the sidelines.

Owens ended with seven catches for 53 yards, and the heavily pregnant McNabb was 15-for-24 for 109 yards and an interception.

"That just wasn't our offense out there, but it happens," McNabb said. "We're not the first team undefeated that lost."

McNabb and Owens downplayed the shouting incident, with both saying Owens was only trying to encourage the quarterback.

"When things aren't happening, you get frustrated," McNabb said. "He was there telling me to be positive about everything. I'm usually the guy to provide confidence, but today he was that guy."

The Steelers didn't miss injured running back Duce Staley (hamstring), the former 1,000-yard Eagles rusher, as their offense line opened holes big enough for, well, a Bus to run through. Bettis, the No. 6 rusher in NFL history, gained only 129 yards in Pittsburgh's first seven games and was barely averaging a yard per carry until getting 65 yards against New England.

"Everybody assumed Jerome Bettis couldn't get it done any longer," said Bettis, a backup member of the last two seasons who had his best game since gaining 163 yards against Cleveland in 2001. "People were asking, 'Why is he still here?' I'm still here for a reason."

Ward said, "We have confidence in Jerome Bettis. He is the Pittsburgh Steelers."

A week after outtrusting New England 221-5, the Steelers out-ran the Eagles 252-23 and out-gained them 420-111 to end Philadelphia's nine-game road winning streak.

Maybe it was appropriate that many members of the 1979 Super Bowl champion Steelers were in attendance, because this was exactly the kind of commanding performance on both sides of the ball for which those Steelers were known.

The 1978 Steelers were the only other team in franchise history to reach 7-1, en route to a 14-2 record and a Super Bowl title.

Just like the New England game, this one was decided early. The Steelers came out running right at the Eagles, partly to negate Philadelphia's blitz, and Roethlisberger passed only two times on an 11-play, 80-drive finished off by the quarterback's 16-yard scramble on third-and-13 and Ward's first career scoring run.

Roethlisberger threw TD passes on the next two drives.

Now, the Steelers have become an upper-tier club others will focus on beating as teams spend the second half of the season positioning themselves for the playoffs.

"Everybody's gunning for us now," linebacker Roy Porter said.

The Steelers believe they're ready for the role reversal after outscoring the Patriots and Eagles 61-23 and outgaining them 837-361.

"It gives us a lot of confidence," Bettis said. "Early in the season, people were saying, 'Who are they playing?' This shows we can play against anybody."

Seahawks, Broncos roll to remain in first place

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Simplicity agrees with the Seattle Seahawks. Their stripped-down game plan was still too complicated for the San Francisco 49ers.

Darrell Jackson caught two long touchdown passes from Matt Hasselbeck and Shaun Alexander rushed for 160 yards and two scores in the Seahawks' 42-27 victory on Sunday.

Jackson had five catches for 114 yards despite a sprained ankle.

Koren Robinson also caught a TD pass for the Seahawks (5-3), who stayed atop the NFC West with their second victory following three straight losses.

Coach Mike Holmgren stuck with the plan that stopped the skid last week against Carolina, sacrificing much of his beloved West Coast gadgetry to keep his talented skill players working at a brisk pace in a straightforward scheme.

"It's just like in my high school," said Alexander, who capped two long second-quarter drives with short TD runs. "Our coaches said, 'You know what, we need maybe one more than three.' It's a really simple offense, but we have enough talent to really make things simple and still make great plays."

Seattle didn't need much trickery to extend the would-be 49ers' worst season since 1979. Hasselbeck was 17-for-28 for 285 yards while the Seahawks marched to 453 yards of offense, with Alexander's shifty running setting up Seattle's passing game.

"We condensed some things down, and guys are just executing a lot better now," Holmgren said. "If Matt can throw the ball effectively and we can gain some yards rushing, we're going to be able to do some good things."

Jerry Rice caught one 5-yard pass, but wasn't a factor in Seattle's game plan. The relatively sparse crowd at Candlestick Park gave an ovation to the longtime 49ers star in perhaps his last game in San Francisco — though Rice would be interested in returning to the Niners next season.

Jackson didn't practice this week and wasn't cleared to play until Saturday morning, but he put on a performance reminiscent of Rice in his prime.

He caught a 33-yard scoring pass in the first quarter and a 39-yarder in the third, sprinting past San Francisco's secondary haul in Hasselbeck's perfect throws.

"I played with injuries all last season," Jackson said. "This isn't anything different. We've had a lot of receivers banged up, so I had no choice but to go out there."

Tim Rattay passed for 259



Broncos wide receiver Rod Smith is pushed out of bounds by Texans cornerback Dunta Robinson after catching a pass in the second quarter.

yards and two touchdowns for the Niners (1-7).

Broncos 31, Texans 13: At Denver, Rod Smith caught a history-making touchdown, turned to the stands and handed the ball to his sister. For the hard-working Broncos receiver, that was about as big as the celebration would get.

Smith became Denver's career leader in receptions and touchdown catches Sunday and Jake Plummer threw for four scores to help the Broncos (6-3) snap a two-game losing streak.

"It's a privilege to be on the same field as that guy," Plummer said of Smith, a 10-year veteran who started out as an undrafted rookie and spent his first year on Denver's practice squad.

Smith, a man of few words who held a rare news conference after his landmark game, insisted the victory was more important to him than the records, and maybe he was right.

The Broncos stayed tied with San Diego for the AFC West lead and, more importantly, avoided heading into their off week on a three-game losing streak.

"We knew we definitely can't go into the bye week with that hanging over our head," Smith said. "You will not enjoy it."

Houston (4-4), meanwhile, was hoping for the first three-game winning streak in franchise history and a taste of first place in the AFC South. Instead, the Texans were overmatched and outplayed, falling behind big before halftime and committing a team-record 109 yards in penalties.

"Every man is going to step up and take full responsibility," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "We

didn't do a good enough job coaching and we didn't do a good enough job playing."

Plummer added this four-touchdown game to one from last week. But in that game, a 41-28 loss to Atlanta, his TDs were more than offset by three interceptions.

Smith was clearly distraught that day — avoiding autograph seekers for one of the rare times and skulking out of the locker room even though he set a career high with 208 yards receiving and caught an 80-yard touchdown.

"That was out of character for me," Smith said. "I had some problems I had to work out that day, and I wanted to get out of there."

On this day, though, the records were more significant and easier to enjoy.

In the first quarter, Smith caught his 67th career pass to surpass Shannon Sharpe on the team's receptions list.

Later, Smith caught a 13-yard touchdown for his 56th score receiving, also passing Sharpe. After that one, he handed the ball to his sister, Karen, who came to watch him play for the first time since 1998.

"She's the one who always inspired me," Smith said. "You always hear these kind of stories — but she really was one of those people who would walk to work in the cold."

Smith already held the team record for yards receiving, so with the latest milestones, he holds all of Denver's significant receiving records.

"Just look at the stats," receiver Ashley Lelie said. "He's No. 1 in everything. First, first. You've got to take your hat off to him."

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Patriots linebacker Mike Vrabel, who lined up on offense, beats the Rams' Bryce Fisher for a touchdown in the second quarter.

Vinatieri has big hand in Pats' win over Rams

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Adam Vinatieri dealt another jarring blow to the St. Louis Rams, helping the New England Patriots start a new streak.

Vinatieri kicked a season-best four field goals and threw his first career touchdown pass in New England's 40-22 victory over the St. Louis Rams on Sunday.

The kicker's 4-yard toss to Troy Brown on a fake field goal gave the banged-up but resourceful Patriots their first double-digit lead, and helped them rebound after their NFL-record 18-game regular-season winning streak ended last week.

Vinatieri's 48-yard field goal was the margin of victory in the Patriots' 20-17 victory over the Rams in the 2002 Super Bowl. He was booed before each attempt Sunday.

"I'll tell you, they're probably not a big fan of me right now," Vinatieri said. "Or any of us."

The Patriots (7-1) were lined up for a 22-yard field goal midway through the third quarter when Brown feigned heading for the New England sideline, then lined up alone when none of the Rams on the field spotted the subterfuge.

"It was thinking, 'Hurry up and snap the ball,'" Brown said.

Coach Mike Martz was one of the few Rams to notice, and he was screaming for a timeout as Patriots long snapper Lonnie Paxton quickly got the ball to Vinatieri, who had an easy toss to Brown for a 22-14 lead.

"I'm sure my eyes were pretty wide on that one," Vinatieri said. "I just wanted to make sure I'd catch it and throw a decent pass. I knew if I got it anywhere close to Troy, he's got such good hands that he'd catch it."

St. Louis never recovered. "I don't think that was the trickiest thing in the world," Martz said. "That's ridiculous, we've got to pay more attention than that."

Corey Dillon returned to the lineup with 112 yards rushing on 25 carries and a touchdown for the Patriots, who had won 21 in a

row counting the postseason before losing to Pittsburgh last week.

Dillon missed last week with a thigh injury.

More important, the Patriots compensated for an injury-ravaged secondary by sacking Marc Bulger five times, forcing a fumble and intercepting a tipped ball. Bulger was routinely flushed out of the pocket.

Martz boiled down the offensive woes to a single word.

Protection.

"You were at the game, I imagine," Martz told a reporter. "You saw the sacks and holding penalties. I'd like to have been in a lot of four-wide receiver [packages], but they were getting to us with a three-man line."

New England was without both starting cornerbacks, then lost one of the fill-ins, Asante Samuel, with an undisclosed arm injury in the first quarter. That forced them to use Brown, a wide receiver, at times in the secondary. Earthwind Moreland, who replaced Samuel, was signed Saturday.

Bulger was 23-for-33 for 285 yards and two touchdowns for the Rams (4-4), who have lost twice at home this season. They had a 15-game regular-season home winning streak before losing in overtime to the Saints in September but now have dropped two of the last three.

St. Louis had been 4-0 after the bye week under Martz, but did not benefit from an extra day of practice in the game week. This was their worst loss at home in his five seasons and it was the first time they'd allowed 40 points since a 49-10 loss at Kansas City on Dec. 8, 2002.

In the previous 18 games at home, counting the postseason, the Rams had lost twice — both times in overtime.

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Brees opens flood Gates

Chargers QB tosses 3 TDs to TE in rout

BY BERNIE WILSON
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — These clearly are not the San Diego Chargers of the recent gloomy past.

They can pass. They can catch. They can play defense. And even with LaDainian Tomlinson hurting, they can win big.

In routing the New Orleans Saints 43-17 on Sunday, they even showed a bit of a swagger.

"We go on the field and say, 'We can beat these guys,'" quarterback Drew Brees said. "That's our attitude. It's such a dramatic difference from last year. We're almost disappointed that the bye's coming because we just want to keep going."

It was San Diego's highest-scoring game since beating the Miami Dolphins 45-20 on Dec. 27, 1993. The Chargers have scored 85 points in consecutive games.

Brees, the quarterback the front office didn't want coming into this season, threw four more touchdown passes — three to tight end Antonio Gates and the Chargers (6-3) won their third straight game and fifth in six games.

Brees has thrown nine touchdown passes in two straight blow-out wins, pushing his season total to 18, against just three interceptions. Last year he threw 15 interceptions and 11 touchdowns, was benched for five games and pulled from two others.

Brees was 22-for-36 for 257 yards on Sunday. Last week he threw a career-high five TD passes in a 42-10 win over Oakland. He hasn't thrown an interception in three straight games, and in six of the last seven.

"If you have a quarterback you have confidence in, you always believe that you can win the game," coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

The Chargers are off next Sunday, so Tomlinson can rest his strained groin, which has slowed him for five games.

Tomlinson hasn't cracked 100 yards in any of his games, and on Sunday was held to just 36 yards on 17 carries, with one touchdown.

Even so, he's happy about the way Brees and the receivers, particularly Gates and Keenan McCardell, have made the Chargers a high-scoring threat.

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Chargers tight end Antonio Gates celebrates the second of his three touchdown passes during the third quarter of San Diego's 43-17 win.

"It's so much better, because guys can't just focus on me," Tomlinson said. "They've got many other weapons to worry about. It feels good to look up and Drew has Antonio way down the field, or Keenan way down the field, for a big play, man. It's an awesome feeling."

Brees' inconsistent play last year, when they were an NFL-worst 4-12, led the Chargers to get Philip Rivers in a draft-day deal with the New York Giants.

Rivers made his pro debut with 4:04 left and the Chargers leading 43-17. He handed off three straight times, then took a knee three times to run out the clock.

The Saints (3-5) have lost four of five. "We couldn't cover the tight end," New Orleans coach Jim Haslett said. "I think he's one of the best tight ends in the league, if not the best."

To put the Chargers' recent struggles in perspective, Gates became the first Chargers receiver to catch three touchdown passes since Tony Martin did it against Baltimore on Sept. 28, 1997.

Gates might have had four TDs, but he couldn't hold onto a pass from McCardell in the second quarter, one of several trick plays the Chargers ran. He had five catches for 56 yards.

Gates caught touchdown passes of 7 and 2 yards on consecutive drives late in the third quarter to give San Diego a 36-7 lead.

Gates' third TD of the day was set up when Steve Foley sacked Aaron Brooks and forced a fumble that Stephen Cooper recovered at the New Orleans 40. The Chargers gained 33 yards when Sedrick Hodges was called for pass interference against Gates, giving San Diego the ball on the 2.

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Bears' defense takes five against Giants

Turnovers turn tide for Chicago as New York lets early 14-point lead slip away

BY TOM CANAVAN

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — While it wasn't the old Chicago Bears' 46 defense, the way Lovie Smith's team played against the New York Giants brought back some memories.

The Bears forced five turnovers — three on consecutive New York plays in a 20-point rampage late in the first half — and beat the Giants 28-21 Sunday.

"That was just a great defensive effort," Smith said. "That is the type of defense we think we are capable of playing week in and week out."

The Bears (3-5) had seven sacks and limited the Giants (5-3) to 258 total yards in winning their second straight game. What made the performance even more remarkable was that Chicago spotted the Giants 14 points before turning things around with some great individual performances.

Defensive end Alex Brown had eight tackles and four sacks.

Safety Mike Green had eight tackles, two forced fumbles and one recovery. Nathan Vasher had a fumble recovery and an interception, and fellow cornerback Jerry Azumah had four tackles, an interception and a forced fumble late in the first half.

The forced fumble came three plays after Lyle Barber's apparent third touchdown of the first quarter was nullified by a holding penalty on Amani Toomer. Azumah then sacked Kurt Warner and forced a fumble that Vasher recovered.

The Giants' offense ground to a halt after that.

"I don't really know what sparked us," Azumah said. "They scored two quick touchdowns on us and we basically said 'Enough!'"



Chicago Bears cornerback Jerry Azumah reacts after intercepting a pass by New York Giants quarterback Kurt Warner in the second quarter Sunday in East Rutherford N.J. The Bears forced five turnovers to erase a 14-point deficit in the 28-21 victory.

Rookie Craig Krenzel got the Bears going with a 35-yard touchdown pass to Bernard Berrian with 5:13 to go in the half. Anthony Thomas tied the game with a 4-yard walk-in TD two plays after Ike Hilliard fumbled at the Giants 29.

Interceptions by Vasher and Azumah on successive plays set up field goals of 22 and 21 yards in the final 69 seconds, putting Chicago ahead 20-14 at the half.

"They played the kind of game we have been playing, let the other guy lose the game," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.

What made the defeat more frustrating was that NFC East leader Philadelphia (7-1) lost earlier in the day.

The loss was the second straight embarrassing setback at home for the Giants, who got off to a good start this season by winning the turnover battles. They have a minus-6 takeaway differential in losing at home to Detroit and Chicago. Sandwiched between those games was an impressive win at Minnesota.

New York, which came into the game

with an NFC-best plus-12 takeaway differential, also had 14 penalties for 109 yards.

"It was ugly," guard Jason Whittle said. "We couldn't get anything going. It seemed like we lost our poise and our cool. We just didn't play smart. They outplayed us all over the place."

The Giants, who used good field position to take an early lead on TD runs of 3 yards and 1 yard by Barber, had a chance to tie the game late after Thomas scored on a 41-yard run and Krenzel ran for a 2-point conversion for a 28-14 Chicago lead.

Warner (18-of-36 for 195 yards) cut the gap to seven points with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Shockey with 1:56 to play. New York got a final chance when Jack Brewer recovered the onside kick.

But Warner was sacked two more times, and the Bears ran out the clock.

"This is a big win, I don't think anyone gave us a chance to come in here and do this," Green said. "This is a big momentum shifter and we're on a roll."

Warner, who threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles, now has been sacked 33 times this season.

"That was a good football team, a good defensive team that came out and did some good things," Warner said of the Bears.

"But there is no excuse for us not being able to handle it."

Coughlin admitted he thought about using No. 1 draft pick Eli Manning in relief, but he let Warner finish. Warner will start next week at Arizona, Coughlin said.

The Giants' defense has to be concerned about Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan. He left the game in the third quarter after straining a pectoral muscle on his right side and probably will have an MRI on Monday.

Record interception return thwarts Browns' comeback

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The play will be recorded in the record book as the longest interception return in NFL history, a 106-yard sprint by Jeff Garcia, who sealed a harrowing victory for the Baltimore Ravens.

Aaron Shea will forever remember it as pass interference.

With the Cleveland Browns driving for the tying score, Reed kicked off Jeff Garcia's pass in the end zone and went the distance in the other direction to secure a 27-13 victory Sunday night.

Reed intercepted a pass that went off Shea, whose attempt to

catch the ball was impeded by Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis. As Reed made his way down the sideline, Shea yelled at a nearby official, pleading for a call that never came.

"When you're touched before the ball gets there, it makes it a little tougher to catch," Shea said. "I think the guy was there early."

Reed reached the end zone with 26 seconds left, and the Browns (3-5) were done.

"It's a blessing, definitely a miracle if you knew what happened the whole play, with Ray telling me to be where I got the ball," Reed said.

"I knew exactly the play they

were going to try to run," Lewis said. "I told Ed it was coming."

Jamal Lewis scored the decisive touchdown with 7:03 left following a 7-yard punt, and Reed made the score stand up in a game in which the Ravens (5-3) yielded a 93-yard kickoff return but came back on the strength of their special teams.

Back from a two-game suspension for violating the NFL substance abuse policy, Lewis ran for 81 yards on 22 carries. But his 2-yard burst into the end zone was set up by two outstanding plays by Baltimore's special units.

First, rookie B.J. Sams made a

diving save in the end zone to enable Baltimore to return a punt at the Cleveland 1. Then, after the defense yielded only a yard on three plays, the Ravens pressed Derrick Frost into a wobbly kick that made the touchdown drive easy.

"I was trying to get it off quick. I saw the guy coming up the middle," Frost said. "It's all about timing. ... I knew it was going to be bad, but not that bad."

A 2-point conversion gave Baltimore a 20-13 lead, but victory was not assured until Reed intercepted the deflected pass.

"He seems to always be around it when you need it," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said. "He

kind of waited to the end to do it. Might have saved my heart a little bit if he'd done it earlier."

Matt Stover kicked four field goals for the Ravens, who wore black uniforms for the first time.

The defense time and time again stepped up to the challenge. We put it on the 5-yard line and they still somehow got it done," Stover said.

Richard Alston stunned the Ravens and the crowd of 69,781 by putting Baltimore in a 7-0 hole with 14 seconds elapsed. He shook off an attempted tackle by Chad Williams, then deked kicker Wade Richey around midfield before veering right and sprinting down the sideline into the end zone.

Sunday's NFL stars:

Quarterbacks

■ Ben Roethlisberger, Steelers, threw two touchdown passes in a 27-13 win over Philadelphia. He has won his first six career starts, matching the longest streak by a rookie quarterback in the NFL since 1970. Mike Kruczek was 6-0 for the Steelers in 1976 while filling in for an injured Terry Bradshaw.

■ Drew Brees, Chargers, threw four touchdown passes during a 43-17 rout of New Orleans. He is 18 TD passes this season and only three interceptions.

■ Jake Plummer, Broncos, threw for four scores without an interception in a 31-17 victory over Houston.

■ Trent Green, Chiefs, threw for 369 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-31 loss to Tampa Bay.

Receivers

■ Rod Smith, Broncos, set team records for career receptions and TD catches during a 31-13 win over Houston. After making his fifth catch, he later grabbed his 50th touchdown pass — Smith moved past Shannon Sharpe in both categories.

■ Antonio Gates, Chargers, caught three TD passes during a 43-17 romp over New Orleans. The last San Diego tight end to grab three touchdown passes was Kellen Winslow in 1983.

■ Santana Moss, Jets, caught six passes for 157 yards and a touchdown in New York's 22-17 loss to Buffalo.

■ David Jackson, Seahawks, had six catches for 114 yards and two TDs in a 42-17 victory over the 49ers.

Running backs

■ Michael Pittman, Buccaneers, scored on a team-record 75-yard run. He finished with three touchdowns and 128 yards in a 34-31 win over Kansas City.

■ Jerome Bettis, Steelers,umbled



for 149 yards on 33 carries in a 27-13 win over Philadelphia.

■ Willis McGahee, Bills, ran for a career-high 132 yards and a touchdown as Buffalo led the Jets 27-17. He carried 17 times, tying Thurman Thomas for second most in team history, trailing only O.J. Simpson's 39.

■ Shaun Alexander, Seahawks, rushed for 160 yards and two scores in a 42-17 win over San Francisco.

■ Clinton Portis, Redskins, ran for 147 yards on 34 carries in a 34-10 victory over Detroit. He also threw his first pass, hitting Lavarious Coleman for a 15-yard touchdown.

Special teams

■ Ed Reed, Ravens, set an NFL record by returning an interception 106 yards — ending Cleveland's bid at a game-tying tie in the final minute — in Baltimore's 27-13 victory.

■ Adam Vinatieri, Patriots, kicked four field goals, including the game-winning 22-yard pass on a fake in a 40-22 win at St. Louis. Vinatieri hit Troy Brown for a 5-yard score.

AP photos

On the rise in Phoenix

Earnhardt Jr. rekindles Nextel Cup hopes with strong run in Checker Auto Parts 500

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. thought about it all week long: no more mistakes.

A week after crashing a top-five car and costing himself precious points in the NASCAR Nextel Cup championship chase, Earnhardt did everything right in winning Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway and moving solidly back into the points picture with two races remaining.

"It's been bothering me all week," Earnhardt said, alluding to a late-race collision with rookie Carl Edwards the previous week at Atlanta. "I just didn't want to make a mistake like I did last week and wanted to put ourselves back in position to run for the championship."

He did just that, jumping from fifth to third in the standings and moving within 47 points of series leader Kurt Busch, who had to overcome a couple of mistakes to

finish 10th Sunday. The top four drivers are separated by just 48 points heading into next Sunday's race at Darlington.

This time, Junior, who started the day 98 points behind Busch, was steady when it mattered most.

Earnhardt, who had a dominant car through most of the Checker Auto Parts 500, leading a race-high 118 laps, was in third place, trailing Jeff Gordon and Casey Mears when a caution came out on lap 282 of the race scheduled to go 312.

Junior argued with crew chief Tony Eury over the radio, lobbying to pit for tires, but Eury made him stay on the track and maintain his position.

Eury, known as Tony Sr., said he insisted Earnhardt stay out because it was so hard to pass lapped cars on the mile oval and "it was just better to keep track position."

Earnhardt was a bit sheepish when asked about the argument.

"Yeah, I was just getting worried, man," he said. "I cannot control myself inside a race car. I want tires, this that and the other. I didn't want to lose."

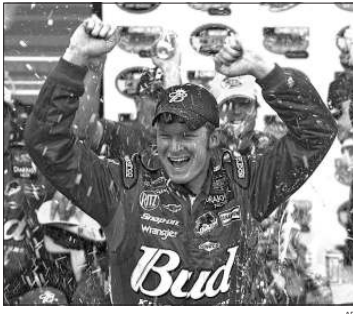
"I told Tony Sr., 'The car's covering the field the best we ever did.' We've had good race cars and won races but nobody could run with this car today and I didn't want to lose this race."

He didn't. And, after reaching Victory Lane, Earnhardt was careful to watch his language. The use of a vulgarism during a live TV interview after his last victory — Oct. 3 at Talladega — cost him \$10,000 and, far more important, 25 points.

"I was really scared that I might slip up because I have a lot of bad words in my vocabulary," Earnhardt said. "I will always from here on out be nervous about that. Tony Sr. came up to me before I got out [of the car] and said, 'Now, don't cuss.' I was glad he reminded me because you get excited."



Ryan Newman (12) and Mark Martin (6) avoid hitting Kurt Busch after Busch spun out during Sunday's NASCAR race in Avondale, Ariz. Newman finished second behind Dale Earnhardt Jr. Busch finished 10th and maintained his hold on first place in the Nextel Cup standings, 41 points ahead of Jeff Gordon.



Dale Earnhardt Jr. celebrates after winning the NASCAR Checker Auto Parts 500 on Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz. Earnhardt moved from fifth to third in the Nextel Cup standings.

After staying out during the caution, Earnhardt wound up passing Mears for second place on lap 288, moments before another caution came out for Jamie McMurray's wreck.

On the restart on lap 303, Earnhardt swung his No. 8 Chevrolet to the inside of Gordon's car, pulled alongside and shot into the lead.

"Gordon was a sitting duck there at the end," Earnhardt said. "His car was terrible. He was lucky just to get what he got."

Gordon agreed. "Junior had a dominant car all day long and we needed it to go given the whole way to have any chance," he said.

Earnhardt began to pull away when Mears, with a tire going flat, spun into the wall, bringing out yet another yellow flag on lap 307.

Moments later, Robby Gordon's engine blew. NASCAR stopped the cars on track on lap 310 as safety workers cleaned up the debris from Mears' crash and the oil from Gordon's engine failure.

Once the race resumed, NASCAR ordered one extra lap of caution, then finished with only the second green-white-checker

overtime since the rule was adopted earlier this year in hopes fans would always see a racing finish.

Earnhardt easily pulled away once the green flag waved, running off to his sixth win of the season and second straight Phoenix victory. Ryan Newman, who struggled most of the day after starting from the pole, came on to grab second place from Jeff Gordon.

Kevin Harvick finished fourth, followed by rookie Casey Kahne, Jimmie Johnson, Rusty Wallace, Tony Stewart, Bobby Labonte and Busch.

Johnson, whose string of three straight victories ended, fell from second to fourth in the points, 48 behind Busch.

Most of the title contenders struggled. Newman and Johnson lost laps when they pitted for what they thought were flat tires. Busch, who rebounded from an engine failure that left him 42nd at Atlanta, also had to bounce back Sunday after a spinout and crew error.

"I made a mistake early on with traffic and then the crew made a mistake running us out of fuel," he said. "Then, at the end, there were lapped cars running side-by-side on this tight oval. It's not what we expected, but it was a good day."

Bourdais' dominant season ends fittingly

BY JOHN RICE

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Sébastien Bourdais went out all, and he got it.

"I think it cannot be better, to celebrate the championship by winning the race, having done the pole position and set the fastest lap," he said Sunday after claiming his first Champ Car title with a victory in the season-ending Mexican Grand Prix.

"It's just been a dominating weekend." Bourdais overcame a spin and a sticky gearbox to win, beating teammate Bruno Junqueira with a flag-to-flag victory.

"I'm really, really, really glad it's over," Bourdais said. "It's a whole lot of pressure on a 25-year-old guy."

Until he saw the checkered flag, the Frenchman took nothing for granted.

"It was so scared about you know, not being able to give it a clear shot with an incident at the start or mechanical failure," he explained.

Bourdais managed to win despite sliding on

the 42nd lap. The slip cost him about 12 seconds of the lead he held over Junqueira.

The Brazilian was runner-up in the standings for the third year in a row and wound up second in the race, more than 5 seconds behind.

Bourdais started on the pole and never trailed, charging to his seventh victory of the season even though a ninth-place finish would have guaranteed him the championship.

"At some point it becomes a question of honor," he said. "You want to win the race so badly."

Bourdais scored 369 points to 341 for Junqueira.

Rookie of the year A.J. Allmendinger was third in the race, just ahead of rookie Justin Wilson.

Bourdais steadily built a lead of nearly 18 seconds over Junqueira through the first 41 laps on the 2.786-mile road course.

But he remained nervous.

"I couldn't prevent myself from thinking

about a crash," he said. "I couldn't help having the picture coming through my mind."

Bourdais put a wheel onto the grass as he passed through a section of shadow while trying to get by Mario Dominguez and took a spin just before the track veers oddly through a baseball stadium.

He feared the worst.

"I was so afraid to kill the engine at that time that I kept my foot down, spun the wheel as hard as I could," Bourdais said. "It was just a scary moment for a minute or two, then it came back to normal."

He said he also was fighting with a gearbox that was sticky between second and third gears in the late going.

Bourdais narrowly avoided a crunch on the final lap when Alex Tagliani had to hit brakes hard with Bourdais and Michel Jordan Jr. nearby.

It was the fifth Champ Car title for Newman/Haas, which has struck with the series even as other major teams bolted to the rival Indy Racing League. Bourdais was rookie of the year last season for Newman/Haas.



France's Sébastien Bourdais sprays champagne after winning the season's final race and capturing his first Champ Car championship on Sunday in Mexico City.

Kadena runs away with titles

Kauzlarich, Turner win Far East races for Panthers sweep

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Niki Kauzlarich awoke at 4:30 a.m. Monday with what she called a case of nerves and couldn't go back to sleep. Some six hours later, those jangles gave way to the Kadena junior's biggest high school cross country triumph.

The two-time Okinawa Activities Council island champion capped her unbeaten 2004 season by winning the 3.1-mile girls individual race in the 2004 Far East High School Cross Country Meet at Misawa's Gosser Memorial Golf Course.

Senior Jon Turner made it a clean sweep for the Panthers. He eked out a one-second victory in the boys 3.1-mile race, putting Kadena in excellent position to garner its sixth consecutive overall Far East title, following on its 2002 championship win on Guam.

"It's completely, totally unbelievable," Kadena coach Tom McKinney said of the Panthers' performance, achieved under sunny skies and 64-degree temperatures. "The conditions were wonderful. What a beautiful day for Kadena."

Kauzlarich's six hours of worry were

erased in 20 minutes, 45 seconds, the time it took her to traverse the Gosser course. "I had the jitters. I was feeling nervous until about 15 minutes before the race," she said. "Then, it was, 'Let's get it over with and see what I can do.'"

Setting a fast pace from the start, Kauzlarich led until Seoul American's Cathryn Furrier passed her about halfway through the race.

"We stayed together until about 400 meters from the end," Kauzlarich said. Then she pulled away to a 16-second victory.

On their heels was Kauzlarich's junior

teammate Dianne Abel (21:13) in third. Victoria Lyle (20:02) champion Kim Lyle's younger sister) placed sixth in 21:35; Katin Kennedy, eighth in 21:46. That gave Kadena's girls an 18-27 edge over second-place Seoul American.

"It was exciting to see them come across with all that work we put them through," McKinney said.

The weather, about 15 degrees cooler than on Okinawa, was not a factor, Kauzlarich and Turner said.

"When we got here, we ran the course and it felt great," Kauzlarich said. "It was a bit cold but the temperature didn't really affect us."



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Stars and Stripes

Far East tennis now a mixed bag

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

Call the 2004 Far East High School Tennis Tournament the "All Things New" contest:

■ It's the first time the Department of Defense Dependents Schools' sponsored event, which has been held in consecutive years. The Far East Activities Council decided last year to make the tournament an annual event instead of biennial.

■ Mixed doubles becomes part of the tournament mix. In past years, players could enter singles or doubles but not both; now, they can choose two from singles, doubles and mixed doubles play.

■ No longer will international schools, which have dominated the tournament play since its inception in the late 1970s, participate. FEAC decided in September to limit the field to DODDS teams, citing concerns over scheduling and the availability of athletic facilities.

"It will be a more fulfilling experience," said senior Anthony Soroka of the co-host Kadena Panthers, the team that took second overall in last year's tournament. "He'll play singles and boys doubles with either Kamen Christin or Travis Dang."

Had the Far East tournament remained biennial, Soroka might have opted to play another sport, he said. That it's an annual Far East sport has seemed to light a fire under his team and given them something to shoot for.

"In past year, they're a lot more determination, a lot more focus in every practice," he said. "I was thinking if there wasn't going to

Far East tennis tournament

Nov. 10-12
Blissville Complex, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa
The 2004 Far East High School Tennis Tournament is a mixed bag of doubles and mixed doubles. Modified single-doubles with consolation. Can trophies to top seven teams. Individual trophies to top four placing players in the main draw and consolation draw.

be a Far East. I was planning to play football. But this was the year that got me determined to take tennis seriously."

The Panthers girls No. 1 seed, sophomore Amy Lopes, plans to enter singles and girls doubles, teaming with senior Lori Kanikieberg.

Soroka and Kanikieberg are especially excited about the chance to enter two draws instead of one.

"I wanted to play both [singles and doubles] last year," Kanikieberg said. "This year, it's harder on the coaches to figure out who to play where."

Added, Soroka, "I'm happy playing two events. This year, I learned a lot about doubles, improving my net play, which improved my singles play."

"I would have played three [draws], and if they had anything else to offer, I would have played four," Soroka.

The two players offered a mixed reaction to the absence of defending boys champion St. Mary's International and girls champion American School in Japan.

"It gives us a better chance to win, but we don't get the better competition with international schools. I'm going to miss that," Kanikieberg said.

"Last year, you could have predicted" the top players in each draw, Soroka said. "This year, there will still be tough opposition but it makes the tournament more mysterious. You don't know who's going to be there."

It could be James or Mary Edwards of Tijuana American, two of the better singles players in South Korea, or perhaps Kristina Surben of E.J. King, who cheered up all corners in DODDS Japan play this season.

It could very well be Lopes and Soroka, provided they bring their best game to the table.

Lopes would appear to be the favorite in girls singles since she placed fourth last year with international school players in the field. But she is taking nothing for granted.

Likewise, Kadena, playing on its home court and having finished best among DODDS schools at Far East last year, appears to be a good bet to take that final step to the top. But coach Hoa Nguyen isn't counting on a thing.

"All my players are back and they're better," Nguyen said. "But we still have to worry about the other schools. The competition is still there. We really have a good chance, but I wouldn't count out Seoul American, Kinicki, E.J. King; they have pools of good players, too."

Soroka thinks it can happen. "We have a really good chance," he said. "A lot of our players have been here for a while. We definitely have one star and we have others to fill those other spots. We have home court and we are confident. We have a perfect opportunity."

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Local scoreboard

Far East Cross Country Championships

At Misawa Air Base

Boys team scores

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Another perfect ending

Steelers go two-for-two against unbeaten teams

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PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers made certain there's nobody unbeaten now in the NFL, except for Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers combined their still-flawless new quarterback with a touch of the old — a Jerome Bettis of yesteryear and a defense that was Steel Curtain-tough — to dominate the Philadelphia Eagles 27-3 Sunday and leave the NFL without an undefeated team.

The Steelers (7-1) ended the Ea-

gles' seven-game winning streak a week after halting New England's record 21-game winning streak with an equally impressive 34-20 victory. Pittsburgh is the only team in NFL history to stop unbeaten teams in consecutive weeks after each had won at least six games.

"Nobody ever thought we'd do this," said Hines Ward, who scored the first two touchdowns. "We're giving defensive coordinators heck trying to figure out what we're going to do, with weapons all over the field and a quarterback who just keeps getting better."

How much better can Big Ben get than this? Roethlisberger is 6-0 as a starter — the first rookie to do that since Pittsburgh's Mike Kruczek filled in for an injured Terry Bradshaw in 1976.

Here's the difference: Kruczek didn't throw a TD pass all season on a team that won behind the Steel Curtain; Roethlisberger (11-for-18, 183 yards, two touchdowns) has thrown for 11 touchdowns while playing with the polish and growing confidence of a much more experienced player.

"He's remarkable," Eagles linebacker Mark Simoneau said.

"Look at him on the field and he doesn't look like a rookie, he looks like a guy who's been around four or five years. Give the guy credit, he made plays all day long."

Roethlisberger drove the Steelers to a 21-0 lead on their first three possessions with the help of Bettis' 149 yards, his 55th career 100-yard game.

Ward scored on the first two drives, a 16-yard reverse and a 20-yard reception, then playfully mocked the Eagles (7-1) and star receiver Terrell Owens by flapping his arms Owens-like in the end zone each time.

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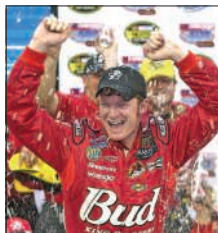


A Steelers fan holds a sign behind the Eagles bench in the final minutes of Pittsburgh's 27-3 victory on Sunday — Philadelphia's first loss of the season.

Bearing down



Bears defensive end Adelewe Ogunleye hits Giants quarterback Kurt Warner after Warner has released the ball, drawing a 15-yard penalty. Chicago's defense forced five turnovers and sacked Warner seven times in the upset victory. See Page 36 for details.



Earnhardt wins
in Phoenix to make
a race of the Chase

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